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Allenport site deal closer

Russ Kingston must convince his investors to clad steel in the Mon Valley.

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The next two weeks will be critical for the future of the Allenport steel plant.

But Russ Kingston is confident that within a month, he will purchase the former Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel facility from Severstal North America Inc. And he expects limited production to begin by early December, employing 80 to 90 people by year's end.

The plant was closed last year, idling 240 workers.

Having negotiated the framework for a union contract, Kingston is headed overseas this weekend to convince Asian investors to produce his special steel product in Allenport.

Kingston, president and chief executive officer of North American Trading Co., has a patent pending on a process called S-Clad. Cladding, the bonding of differing metals, is nothing new, but bonding steel to steel is.

His process will bond stainless steel to carbon steel to create a product that mirrors stainless steel but is much cheaper to make. Because Allenport was a cold-rolled steel facility it is ideal to produce the large coils Kingston hopes to make there.

Kingston, who is based in the state of California, has a memorandum of understanding with Severstal to buy the plant.

After acquiring that memorandum, Kingston began negotiating a union contract with United Steelworkers Local 1187. He simultaneously faced two main obstacles to purchasing the plant. The union wanted to see

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Charleroi-Monessen span plan delayed

The state transportation department must handle historic preservation issues.

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Plans to seek bids for replacement of the deteriorating deck of the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge have been delayed as much as four months, in part because of the statute designed to balance historic preservation concerns with the public interest.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effect their federally funded activities and programs have on significant historic properties.

"Significant historic properties" are those included in, or eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places.

The Charleroi-Monessen Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its design as a Pennsylvania Petit truss bridge, a variant of the truss bridge built in the U.S. beginning in the 1870s and well into the mid-20th century. The Charleroi Area Historic Society has touted the bridge's historic significance because it was built by Mercantile Bridge Co., for which John K. Tener was president.

Tener, who was born in Ireland and grew up and later died in Pittsburgh, was a professional baseball player, governor and U.S. congressman.

He moved to Charleroi in 1891, serving in the banking business for 17 years before his political career began.

Charleroi historical officials have claimed that the bridge is the only structure in Charleroi that bears Tener's name, although the public library in the Magic City is named the John K. Tener Library.

Last week, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation agreed to participate in development of a letter of memorandum of agreement for a proposal to repair or replace the Charleroi-Monessen Bridge.

Troy Pritts, project engineer for

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Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

The property and building at Kenric Manor in Donora have been sold, but William and Kathi Polachek will continue to operate the facility.

Kenric Manor sale will not affect management, care

An affiliate of Monongahela Valley Hospital has purchased the building and property.

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DONORA – Kenric Manor has new owners, but folks in the assisted living facility won't notice any change in their care.

Mon-Vale Non-Acute Care Services Inc., which is affiliated with Monongahela Valley Hospital, recently purchased the facility from William and Kathi Polachek.

According to a deed filed in Washington County, the deal was for $1.3 million.

As part of the transaction, Mon-Vale leased the property back to the Polacheks to allow them to continue to operate and manage the 75-bed assisted living facility.

Only the property and building changed hands.

"We are pleased that the same good people who run and staff that facility will remain in place," said Louis J. Panza, Jr., MVH president and CEO.

"They are extremely qualified and provide excellent health care to the residents of our community. It's a necessary service we didn't want to lose for the residents of the Mid-Monongahela Valley."

"This is a win-win situation," William Polachek said. "We have always maintained a close working relationship with Monongahela Valley Hospital and that will continue. We are grateful to the health system for its assistance in structuring this arrangement."

Polachek said the need for affordable assisted living has increased dramatically in the last few years.

"It is comforting to know that they can still count on Kenric Manor to provide a safety net for them when they need it," he added.

Mayor John Lignelli, a long-time supporter of Kenric Manor, said he is pleased Mon-Vale stepped in to help keep the facility a viable part of the community.

"I really hope it's a big plus that (Mon-Vale) bought it," Lignelli said. "It's a facility that is absolutely needed in the borough, no question."

> "Anything that keeps Kenric Manor going, I am in favor of. I always supported Kenric Manor, and we need it. And that's it."
>
> MAYOR JOHN LIGNELLI

Polachek said selling the property to Mon-Vale seemed to make sense in terms of business.

"We're continuing to run it," he said. "The residents won't notice anything different in their care."

Lignelli, who lives near the facility, said he played a large role in Kenric Manor coming into existence years ago because he recognized the need for an assisted

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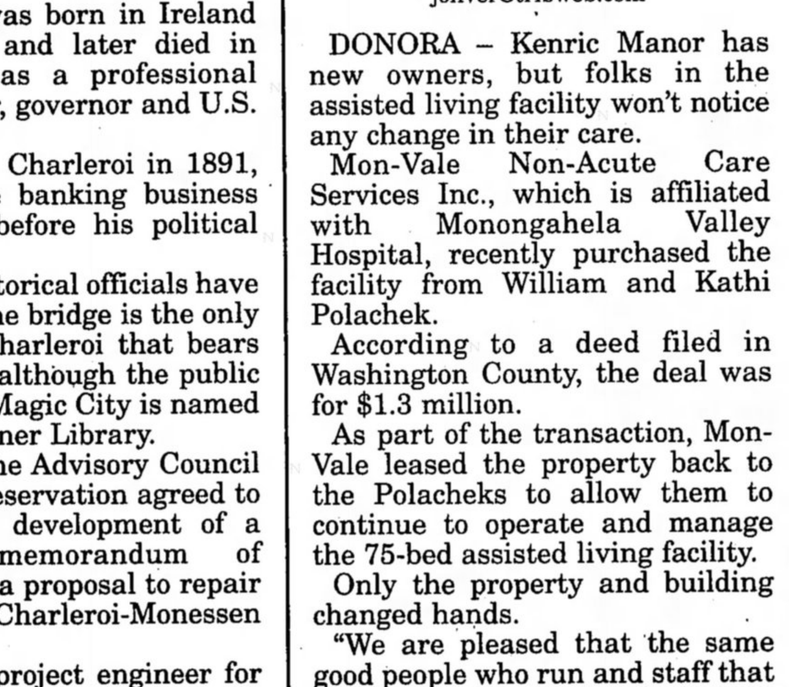

Joan Rivers interviews Monessen native James Malinchak in Beverly Hills, Calif., on the TV show "How'd You Get So Rich?"
Submitted photo

Ex-Monessen man spars with Joan Rivers on TV

James Malinchak is a widely known motivational speaker and author.

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LAS VEGAS – James Malinchak is considered to be one of the top motivational coaches in the nation, making a living teaching others how to make big money.

He's banked a few dollars himself along the way, too.

The Monessen native's unusual occupation and wealth earned him an invitation as a guest on the reality television show "How'd You Get So Rich?" hosted by Joan Rivers.

The Malinchak segment will be telecast 10 p.m. Wednesday on the TV Land network.

Malinchak, a 1988 Monessen High School graduate, said the experience was a lot of fun.

"Joan is a sweetheart. We had a great time," said Malinchak, who lives in Las Vegas.

On the show, Rivers interviews people who have generated wealth in unusual ways. Malinchak was

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VALLEY PEOPLE

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living facility for the community.

"Anything that keeps Kenric Manor going, I am in favor of," Lignelli said. "I always supported Kenric Manor, and we need it. And that's it."

"The mayor has always been a supporter of us. He's a great guy, a good neighbor," Polachek said.

Kenric Manor opened in 1984 under the ownership of the Polacheks. It was one of the first assisted living facilities in the Mid-Mon Valley.

The Polachecks also operate Grand Residence, an assisted living facility in Upper St. Clair.

Allenport (FROM PAGE ONE)

Kingston's financial package and his investors did not want to give final approval to his financing until he showed a labor package was in place.

"A contract is not done, but all of the major points appear to be agreed to," Kingston told *The Valley Independent.*

Kingston said he and the USW agreed not to discuss details of the agreement.

But sources have told *The Valley Independent* that the main sticking point had been seniority. The union wanted Kingston to hire directly from a seniority list. The deal apparently would provide buyouts for workers willing to retire, provide Kingston with more freedom to hire based on skills.

When Kingston went to Harrisburg in April to discuss his plans with state officials, including the Governor's Action Team, he traveled with then-USW Local 1187 President Bill "Pudge" Kinney. The two worked closely on the deal. Kinney has since lost an election to Rick Bergstedt. Kingston is contesting the election results.

Last month, Tony Montana, a spokesman for the USW International in Pittsburgh, said Bergstedt has been involved in the talks.

Kingston said he still keeps in contact with Kinney.

"I talk to him as a business courtesy," Kingston said. "I trust what Pudge tells me."

Kingston said the future of Allenport should be known by Sept. 15.

"There's a lot of pressure for me to put the whole plant overseas, but I don't think that's the way this thing is going to happen," Kingston said. "This is a critical meeting for Allenport."

At least two-thirds of the product would be shipped overseas.

"We're looking forward to it," Kingston said. "We think it's the right product in the right place at the right location. You can't ask for anything more. We're looking forward to doing it at Allenport.

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the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, said the memorandum is needed when historic property will be adversely affected.

The memorandum will note what steps will be taken as a result of the loss. These could include donating plaques on the bridge to the borough or area historical society or providing an interpretive panel to demonstrate the bridge's significance.

The U.S. Coast Guard, as the lead agency for the bridge replacement, was required to invite the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to be a part of the process.

The state hopes to replace the deck and piers of the bridge, reopening the span to traffic by mid-2012.

According to Section 106 of the National Preservation Act, PennDOT was required to study all options.

In June, PennDOT conducted an open house to inform the public about alternatives being considered. Those options are: Restore, rehabilitate, preserve, or replace the bridge. Another option was the "no-build option."

Replacing the bridge would be most cost efficient, with a life expectancy of up to 100 years, Pritts noted.

The bridge closed Feb. 19 after a routine inspection revealed deterioration of a vertical panel that supports the middle of the span.

Built in 1906, the bridge was rehabilitated shortly after World War II and again in 1986.

In a public meeting in April, PennDOT officials said the concrete approaches to the bridge would remain. The three piers over the bridge and railroad would be replaced along with the center river pier and all of the superstructure steel above. Two other piers would either be widened or replaced.

The state had hoped to seek bids for the bridge deck replacement "in the fall," PennDOT officials said in a meeting earlier this year.

Pritts said that date has been moved back to early 2010.

He attributed the delay to additional studies required under Section 106.

Pritts said the final bid package cannot be produced until the memorandum of agreement is in place.

State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, identified money to replace the crumbling bridge deck. He said this morning he is "anxious to see that bridge project move forward."

"My goal would be to get the bridge out for construction as soon as possible," Stout said. "I'm concerned about delays because the bridge is important to commerce in the Valley. Undue delays are not in the best interest of the people in the Mon Valley."

Broad Avenue parking banned

The North Belle street is being paved, police said.

North Belle Vernon police Chief Jim Bedsworth said parking will be prohibited on Broad Avenue through Friday, while the road is being repaved.

Bedsworth said any vehicle parked on the road will be towed at the owner's expense.

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Yesteryear

The late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy visited the Washington Township Fire Department in May 1980 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the engine room expansion. From left are Ron Sotta, fire chief; Jeff Hewitt, Frank Pendo, fire company vice president; Kennedy; a Secret Service agent; Roy Anderson, assistant chief; and Sigmund Zelczak, president.

Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 77 Low 48	High 77 Low 52	High 80 Low 57	High 80 Low 56	High 80 Low 57

Obama cuts federal raises

The president cited unemployment rates and payroll levels.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama notified Congress on Monday he is reducing pay increases for federal workers from 2.4 percent to 2 percent.

Using powers employed by his two most recent predecessors, the president cited the national unemployment rate and the budget busting federal payroll.

Obama also said that he would decide by Nov. 30 on the need to take action on "locality pay," wages over and above the base federal rates that are determined according to geographic living costs and comparable private-sector pay.

The locality pay set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2010, would have added an average of 16.5 percent to the wages of federal workers, meaning that the pay increase as outlined by statute would have totaled 18.9 percent throughout the federal system.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Joe Biden, who serves as president of the Senate, Obama said he was taking action because the 2.4 percent increase mandated by statute would cost $22.6 billion in 2010.

He said he had budgeted only for a 2 percent across-the-board increase at a cost of $19.9 billion.

Obama said he was invoking powers to put in place his own pay plan in times of a national emergency or serious economic conditions affecting the nation. Former President George W. Bush used the authority previously, as did President Bill Clinton before him.

"With unemployment at 9.5 percent in June to cite just one economic indicator, few would disagree that our country is facing serious economic conditions affecting the general welfare," Obama's letter said.

Obama said he did not believe his order would affect the government's ability to attract or keep employees.

"To the contrary," his letter said, "since any pay raise above the amount proposed in this alternative plan would likely be unfunded, agencies would have to absorb the additional cost and could have to reduce hiring to pay the higher rates."

Bush used similar language and arguments when he intervened in federal salaries in November 2007.

Madoff beach house worth millions

The U.S. Marshals Service is selling the 3,014-square-foot home.

By The Associated Press

MONTAUK, N.Y. – Those who see Bernard Madoff as an evil purveyor of excess might be disappointed by his beach house: It's not that palatial.

At 3,014 square feet, the home is cottage-size by superrich standards. Its faded furnishings look as old as Madoff's epic fraud. There's no garage. Not even a walk-in closet.

But the 1.2-acre lot sits closer to the surf than larger neighboring homes on the southeastern tip of Long Island. And the house features a grand, columned porch with stunning views — undeniable selling points on display during a recent tour offered to The Associated Press.

The U.S. Marshals Service, which seized the property just east of the Hamptons on July 1, will put the property on the market this week as part of an ongoing effort to pay back investors burned by Madoff's epic fraud.

They also plan to soon enlist brokers to find buyers for a Manhattan apartment and a Palm Beach, Fla., estate once owned by the financier-turned-felon.

In estimates federal regulators filed last year, Madoff himself valued his Manhattan apartment at $7 million and the Florida property at $11 million. He said the Montauk beach house, which he bought in 1979, was worth $3 million.

Federal authorities believe the seaside property could bring closer to $8 million. Whether Madoff's notoriety hurts or helps remains to be seen.

"Our goal is to place the homes on the market soon to minimize the amount of time they remain in our inventory and maximize the return to the victims," U.S. Marshal Joseph R. Guccione said in a statement Monday.

Madoff, 71, was sentenced in June to 150 years in prison for orchestrating a massive Ponzi scheme that spanned decades and spun a web of phantom wealth.

Thousands of investors with Madoff's once-respected advisory firm believed their securities accounts were worth tens of billions of dollars. But investigators say the totals on the clients' monthly account statements were fiction. In reality, Madoff never made investments, and instead siphoned new investors' money to pay returns to existing ones — and to fuel a life of luxury.

Madoff's punishment included a forfeiture order that stripped him and his wife, Ruth, of nearly all their wealth. The order gave the marshals authority to seize and sell the homes.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Roland Ubaldo said furniture and any other personal belongings found inside will be sold at auction — "from pieces of art to Ruth Madoff's shoes."

The four-bedroom, three-bath beach house has a small swimming pool.

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named one of the "40 Under 40" business people for 2009 by "In Business Las Vegas."

"How'd You Get So Rich?" is produced by Mark Burnett, creator of "Survivor," "The Apprentice" and "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?"

Malinchak's sister and executive assistant Cindy McLane appear with him on the show. She is a 1978 Monessen High School graduate.

McLane said she lives near Jacksonville, Fla., but travels regularly to Las Vegas.

She said filming the show was an exciting experience because she is used to working behind the scenes.

"It was a lot of fun and everyone was so helpful," she said.

The show will detail Malinchak's career as a public speaker.

He has delivered more than 2,200 motivational presentations at conferences and meetings worldwide. He was named Consummate Speaker of the Year by Sharing Ideas professional speakers' magazine. He has appeared in USA Today, The Wall Street Journal and hundreds of other publications.

He owns three businesses, and has authored eight books.

Malinchak is a contributing author and associate editor for the top New York Times Best-Selling book series "Chicken Soup for the Soul," with his own stories published in "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul," ""Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul."

He is the co-author of the upcoming book, "Chicken Soup for the Athlete's Soul."

For all his success, Malinchak remains humble.

"I always say I'm just a steel mill kid who happened to do some things right," he said.

His mother, Betty Malinchak, lives in Monessen. A brother, Wally, lives in Monongahela.

Malinchak began his sales career right out of college in his 20s as a Wall Street stockbroker. He quickly became a partner in a company that handled the investments for many entertainers, authors and professional athletes.

Long before becoming an in-demand speaker, Malinchak had dreams of becoming a professional basketball player.

He was a guard on the Monessen High School basketball team that won a state championship. His talent landed him a basketball scholarship from the University of Cincinnati.

He transferred to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and moved on to the University of Hawaii at Hilo, where he received a business degree.

During his basketball career in Hawaii, he damaged his knee, ending his pro-basketball dreams.

He has fond memories of his days on the court in his hometown, and often tells stories during his speeches of growing up in a blue-collar family.

"I wake up every day knowing how blessed I am, but I never feel like I've made it. I'm always striving to do better and I think that's the key," he said.

To see behind-the-scenes pictures and video from Malinchak's encounter with Rivers, visit www.JamesMalinchakAndJoanRivers.com.

Valley briefs

Obama to spend 3 days in 'Burgh

The country's political center of gravity seems to have a Pennsylvania address, and it's not on the avenue in Washington.

President Obama plans to spend at least three days in Pittsburgh this month, including a Sept. 15 address to the AFL-CIO convention, the White House announced Monday.

Caroline Kennedy, niece of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, also will address the convention.

Heads of state will gather here at month's end, and many of the country's most-watched House and Senate races will take place here in 2010.

"Pennsylvania is once again going to be ground zero in the effort to understand which direction the country is going in," said Villanova University political science professor Lara Brown. "It seems that Pennsylvania — and in particular, Pittsburgh — is rising in national profile as being more representative of blue-collar Democrats," the swing voters national and statewide candidates covet.

The AFL-CIO each year invites the president to speak at its convention, but President George W. Bush never accepted. The last president to accept was Bill Clinton in 1997. The convention was in Pittsburgh that year, as well, said Eddie Vale, national spokesman for the union.

Rendell drops plan for natural gas tax

Gov. Ed Rendell says he's dropping his plan to impose a tax on the extraction of natural gas in Pennsylvania.

Rendell told reporters Monday that conversations with major gas producers convinced administration officials that imposing such a tax at this early stage could hurt the industry. Despite the state's budget woes, he said those concerns outweighed the projected $90 million the tax would generate this fiscal year.

The 5 percent tax had won committee support in the House but faced strong Republican opposition.

Rendell proposed the tax in February as drilling companies flocked to the state hoping to tap the potentially lucrative gas formation called Marcellus Shale.

Plans progress for Flight 93 Memorial

The federal government will pay about $9.5 million to acquire land so the Flight 93 National Memorial can be built by the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said Monday.

With the National Park Service reaching agreements with eight landowners, construction is expected to start in November, Salazar said.

Salazar called the site where the plane crashed, near Shanksville in Somerset County, hallowed ground and said the nation was "eternally grateful for the heroes of Flight 93."

United Flight 93 was traveling from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco when it was diverted by hijackers with the likely goal of crashing it into the White House or Capitol.

The official 9/11 Commission report said the hijackers crashed the plane as passengers tried to wrest control of the cockpit.

There were no survivors of the crash.

Chacko takes 'game plan' to heart

Valley profiles

A weekly look at one of our neighbors

By RON PAGLIA
For The Valley Independent

As an athlete, James J. "Mouse" Chacko, of Charleroi, always valued the impact coaches had on his development and success.

They included such men as his father, George "Beans" Chacko, Henry Pennline, R. James "Rab" Currie and James "Toots" Fillingham.

Today, decades removed from that era of achievements and accolades, Chacko emphasizes similar respect for Ken Furlong, Carla Golden and Kara Kelley in the most important competition of his life.

"They are excellent coaches," Chacko, 68, said on a recent rainy Friday morning as he toiled in Monongahela Valley Hospital's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program at Mon-Vale HealthPLEX in Rostraver Township.

"They're taskmasters at times, that's for sure, but you know you're in good hands here."

Chacko's participation in the cardiopulmonary rehab regimen is an integral aspect of his recovery from open heart (triple bypass) surgery.

Furlong, a registered nurse and supervisor of the MVH cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center; Golden, a registered respiratory therapist, and Kelley, an exercise physiologist, guide Chacko and myriad other patients through their paces.

Also comprising the "coaching" staff at times are Celeste Trilli, s registered nurse, and exercise physiologist Jackie Karnes.

"It's analogous to sports," Chacko, a four-sport athlete at Charleroi High School in the late 1950s, said of the rehabilitation. "They have a great game plan and you know you'd better follow it. I tell them, 'Tell me what you want me to do and we'll get it done.'"

Chacko followed that approach as a scholastic All-American in basketball and as a standout in baseball, football and track before graduating from Charleroi High in 1959.

As a junior in 1957-58, he helped the Cougars win the WPIAL Class A basketball championship. His baseball skills as a third baseman and outfielder led to tryouts with the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds and a scholarship to Long Beach State College in California.

He later played basketball and baseball at California State College (now California University of Pennsylvania) before earning his degree in 1966.

He received a masters degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Mississippi in 1971.

He was a teacher and guidance counselor at Charleroi Area High School, where he coached boys' and girls' varsity basketball for 22 years before retiring in 2005.

And he carved a niche as one of the top baseball umpires and basketball and football officials in the area.

In recognition of his accomplishments, he was inducted into the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame and the Washington County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Reflecting on that record of success, Chacko is quick to point out that he "had a lot of help along the way."

"I was blessed with great teammates as well as good coaches," he said. "And I've been truly blessed with the same kind of support system since (heart surgery)."

Dr. Ross F. DiMarco, a cardiovascular/thoracic surgeon, led the surgical team that Chacko credits for "saving my life."

The surgery took place June 22 at The Washington Hospital.

"Was I frightened and nervous?" Chacko said of

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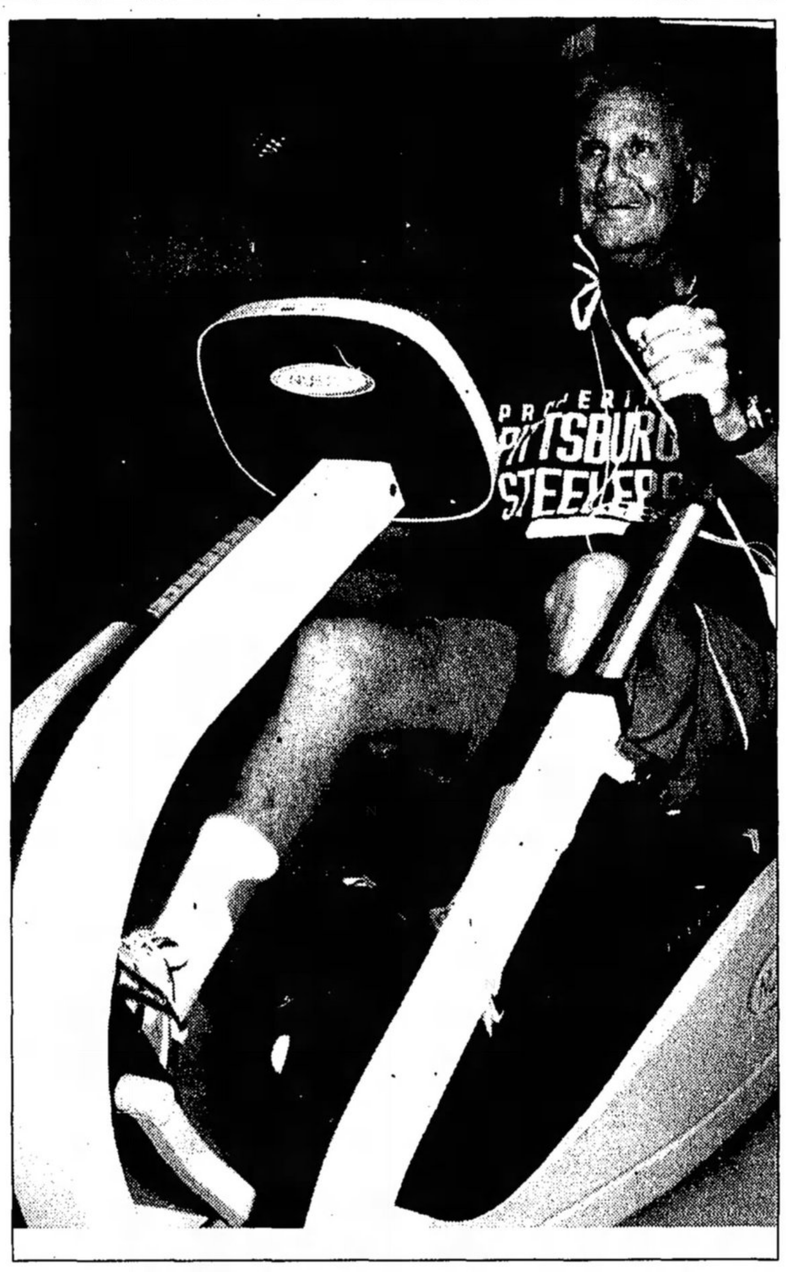

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Jim "Mouse" Chacko, of Charleroi, pedals his way to recovery on the Nustep machine at Monongahela Valley Hospital's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation center. The 68-year-old Chacko is recovering from open heart (triple bypass) surgery.

Region's unemployment rises to 7.7 percent

The number of area residents with jobs in July reached its lowest level since 1996.

By THOMAS OLSON
For The Valley Independent
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The ranks of the unemployed in the Pittsburgh region grew in July for the 15th month in a row, and the number of people with jobs reached its lowest level since 1996, the state said Monday.

The effect was to push unemployment in the seven-county region up one-tenth of a percentage point in July to 7.7 percent, said the state Center for Workforce Information and Analysis.

The jobless rate was 7.6 percent in June.

A year ago, in July 2008, the jobless rate was 5.1 percent.

Despite the increase, the figures depict a region that's in a relatively good position in the stubborn recession, compared with the nation's unemployment rate of 9.4 percent and Pennsylvania's 8.5 percent rate.

"Even though unemployment is going up in the Pittsburgh area, the region is still an out-performer," said Robert Dye, senior economist for PNC Financial Services Group. "And I'd expect that to remain true for the foreseeable future."

The Pittsburgh region had the sixth-lowest unemployment rate of the state's 14 metropolitan areas, the data showed.

Best was 5.8 percent in State College, and worst was 9.7 percent in Erie.

Over the past year, the number of employed people in the seven-county region fell by 33,900, to 1,123,600. July's employment level was down 6,700 from June.

The Pittsburgh region consists of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

There were 93,700 unemployed people in this region in July, after making seasonal adjustments.

That was 31,500 more than the jobless level in July 2008, and 1,100 more than in June.

Transportation and warehousing accounted for 2,700 job losses since June.

Manufacturing, which lost 10,800 jobs from over the past year, shed another 800 jobs in the past month.

"Even in solid economic times, manufacturing jobs tend to be stable or slightly declining," said the economist.

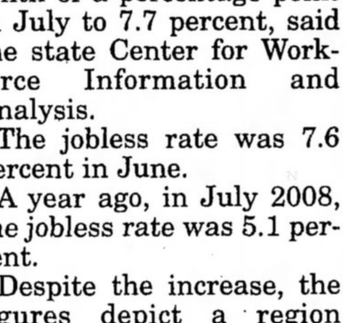
"So the fact we see a negative number does not indicate accelerating problems in manufacturing."

A bright spot was construction, which added 900 jobs since June.

It was still down by 3,400 from July 2008, however.

Rate increases

The unemployment rate for the seven-county region:



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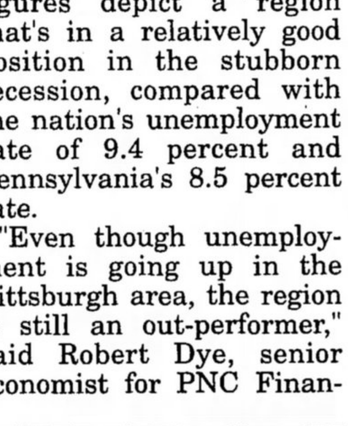

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THE QUIZ

NEWSFACE:

The daughter of one of the nation's most famous families, I was recently hired by NBC's "Today" show as a news correspondent. I said I will contribute stories about once a month on issues like education, women and children's issues, and literacy. I'm also a teacher in Baltimore, and at 27, have authored two books. Who am I?

1. Senator Edward Kennedy, 77, died last week after battling (CHOOSE ONE: lymphoma, brain cancer) for more than a year.

2. TV chef Rachael Ray won the Daytime Emmy Award for best talk show, an honor that for the three previous years has gone to ..?.. _Oprah Winfrey _Tyra Banks _Ellen DeGeneres _Barbara Walters

3. President Obama reappointed Ben Bernanke to another four-year term as Chairman of the _____.

4. Jaycee Lee Dugard, kidnapped 18 years ago at age 11, was found living in the state of (CHOOSE ONE: California, Florida).

5. After winning the 800-meter world championship, Caster Semenya, a runner from (CHOOSE ONE: South Africa, Kenya), became the center of controversy because of allegations that she is not really a woman.

NEWSPLACE:

This Asian country's opposition party swept to a historic victory in elections Sunday, trouncing the ruling conservative party that has run the country for more than 50 years. Now the nation's Democratic Party has the task of pulling the world's second-largest economy out of its worst slump since World War II. An aging and shrinking population, along with high unemployment, has left this nation's citizens fearful of the future and hoping for change. Name this country.

6. Deadly wildfires are burning at several places in the U.S. state of _____.

7. Tennis great _____ of Switzerland will begin his quest Monday for a sixth consecutive U.S. Open and 16th Grand Slam title overall.

8. The celebrity disc jockey known as (CHOOSE ONE: DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJ AM), born Adam Goldstein, 36, was found dead in his New York City apartment.

9. Ehud Olmert, former prime minister of _____, was indicted Sunday on corruption charges that led to his resignation last year.

10. The Walt Disney Co. said Monday it is buying (CHOOSE ONE: Marvel, Hanna-Barbera) Entertainment Inc. for $4 billion.

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ANSWERS

NEWSFACE: Jenna Bush Hager *(15 points for correct answer)*
NEWSPLACE: Japan *(10 points for correct answer)*
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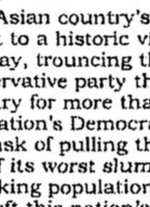

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

FARKAS — Richard Francis Farkas, 73, of Troy, Mo., formerly of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Aug. 30. Kemper-Marsh-Millard Family Funeral Home, Troy, Mo.*

FERENCZ — Dorothy (Rusyniak) Ferencz, 82, of Rostraver Township, on Monday, Aug. 31. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

REMISH — Ann R. (Ivcic) Remish, 92, of Bentleyville, on Sunday, Aug. 30. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

PREVIOUS DEATHS:

RAMELLINI, Msgr. P. Lino*

* See death notice

Monsignor P. Lino Ramellini

Monessen

Msgr. P. Lino Ramellini, 88, of Monessen, a retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, in his home. He was a priest of the diocese for 45 years. Msgr. Ramellini was born May 29, 1921, to the late Giuseppe and Letizia (D'Angeli) Ramellini in Trevi Nel Lazio, Frosinone, Italy. He was raised in Italy and attended Trevi primary school and Frascati secondary school. He attended St. Francis College, Rome, Italy, and completed his priestly formation at St. Francesco a Ripa Seminary, also in Rome. Msgr. Ramellini was ordained a priest March 17, 1947, at St. Francis Church, Rome, Italy. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Greensburg Feb. 13, 1964. He was named Domestic Prelate of Honor with the title of monsignor Feb. 18, 1986. Prior to his incardination into the diocese, he served in the Diocese of Panama in the Republic of Panama. Msgr. Ramellini served as assistant pro tem at Mount St. Peter Parish, New Kensington (1957-61) and assistant of the former St. Catherine Parish, Leechburg (1961-67). He served as pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend, and its mission church in Sugar Creek (1967-70) and the former St. Cajetan Parish, Monessen (1970-91). Msgr. Ramellini was appointed director of Apostleship of Prayer in 1967. He was vicar forane for Deanery VI and served on the Board of Consulters (1974-1982). He served as vicar forane for Deanery V (1984-87). He was a member of the Priests' Council (1984-88) and was named an Ex Officio member in 1988. Msgr. Ramellini retired from active ministry Jan. 30, 1991, and resided in his personal residence in Monessen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers. He is survived by nieces and nephews in Italy and Panama. Visitation will be at the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave. Monessen, (724-684-8750) on Monday, Aug. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in Epiphany of Our Lord R. C. Church, 618 Knox Ave., Monessen, followed by visitation until 9 p.m. Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday from 9 until 10:30 a.m. in Epiphany of Our Lord R. C. Church, where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. with The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg as celebrant. Interment will be in Greensburg Catholic Cemetery, Hempfield Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials in The Rev. Msgr. P. Lino Ramellini's memory can be made to the Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 618 Knox Ave. Monessen, Pa.,15062, or through the funeral home. Condolences accepted at www.dalfonso-billick.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Richard Francis Farkas

Troy, Mo.
Formerly of
Belle Vernon

Richard Francis Farkas, 73, of Troy, Mo., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009. Fortified by the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church. He was born on March 14, 1936, in Charleroi, a son of the late Sanders and Essunta Trozzo Farkas. On Oct. 23, 1957, he was united in marriage with Hanne Seidel in Bremerhaven, Germany, first at the Court House and later at St. Sebastian Church in Belle Vernon. Richard graduated from Bellmar High School. He entered the U.S. Air Force on Sept. 2, 1954, and was honorably discharged on Jan.13, 1959. For over 20 years he was employed by Super Value/Wetterau as a store engineer. He enjoyed all sports and especially the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. Richard also enjoyed walking, and fishing, but his biggest joy was spending time with his family and grandson. He was a member of American Legion Post 659 in Belle Vernon, and attended church at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Troy, Mo. Richard is survived by his loving wife, Hanne; one son: James Farkas and wife Cindy of Troy, Mo.; and one daughter: Debbie Kennedy of Tampa Fla.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sandra. Friends will be received from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at KEMPER-MARSH-MILLARD FAMILY FUNERAL HOME/Troy Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009. Officiating will be Father Tom Wissler. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Troy, Mo. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Masses in care of Kemper-Marsh-Millard Family Funeral Chapel; P. O. Box 222: 351 Monroe St., Troy, Mo. Online condolences may be made to www.millardfamily-chapels.com

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Dorothy Rusyniak Ferencz

Rostraver Township

Dorothy Rusyniak Ferencz, 82, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at her home. Born Oct. 31, 1926, in Ginger Hill, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Eva Furtak Rusyniak. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, Mrs. Ferencz was a member of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Belle Vernon, where she was a charter member of St. Barbara's Altar Guild, a former member of the church choir and a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Donna L. Johnston, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and Joyce and William Eger, of Greensburg; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Elizabeth Eger; two sisters, Julia Yuschak, of Belle Vernon, and Helen Meluch, of LaFayette, Ind. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ferencz, on Feb. 28, 2004; and three brothers, William, Walter and John Rusyniak. Visitation will be held 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, (724) 929-6183. Relatives and friends will gather 9 a.m. Thursday at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church for funeral services, with the Very Rev. Samuel Smolcic, pastor of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, officiating. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Parastas services will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home. The family suggests contributions be made in memory of Dorothy Ferencz to Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church or the Alzheimers Association. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home's Web site, www.parzynskifuneral-home.com.

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Sadly missed and loved by Mom and Dad, niece Dana & husband Dan & great-nephews Caden & Weston.

CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

BV flea market

A flea market and bake sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette St., Belle Vernon. It was inadvertently stated that doors would open at 8 a.m. in a previous Valley Grapevine column. There will be no pre-sale.

Donora society

The Donora Historical Society will not meet on Sept. 7 because of the Labor Day holiday, as was previously submitted for Valley Club Notes. The meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Calvary United Presbyterian Church, Donora.

In Memory of
Frank DiPiazza IV
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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Terry Lee Lindsey, 49, of 190 Waltsmill Road, Ruffsdale, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Lindsey was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after an incident July 2 on the 100 block of Robertson Street and the 200 block of North Water Street in West Newton.

■ Three bad checks charges against Eddie Green, no age listed, of 515 Blind Lane, Belle Vernon, were dismissed after he paid restitution. Green was charged for checks written May 16, 21, and 25.

■ Joseph Adam Little, 23, of 2011 Foxwood Drive, Elizabeth, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Little was charged with fleeing of attempting to elude police and traffic violations after an incident Aug. 14 at the 100 block of Robertson Street and the 600 block of West Main Street in West Newton.

■ Barry R. Youger, 31, of 6 Eggers Ave., Belle Vernon, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Youger was charged with driving under the influence-high rate of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations after an incident June 14 at Broad Avenue and Arch Street in North Belle Vernon.

POLICE LOG

California

■ Joseph J. Denardo, 20, of Moon Township, was cited for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and underage drinking 12:28 a.m. Friday at Wood and Strawberry streets, police said.

Monessen

■ Robert McKelvey, 60, of Third Street, Monessen, was cited for harassment 9:04 p.m. Aug. 31 as a result of an incident that took place at 338 Third St., police said.

■ Shecholle Winmon, 19, of 363 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with criminal mischief, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering and disorderly conduct as a result of an incident that took place at approximately 11 p.m. Aug. 29 at 515 Summit Ave. She is alleged to have thrown a large rock that struck a 17-year-old Monessen male in the right eye, causing an injury that required several stitches, police said.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Rebecca Miller, of Highland Avenue, North Charleroi, told police that someone stole her purse from her residence sometime from midnight to 7 a.m. Saturday. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

■ Crystal Fritz, 25, of Ellsworth, told police that someone stole two flashlights from her vehicle sometime from 11 p.m. Friday and 1:30 a.m. Saturday at a parking lot at First and Johnston streets in Bentleyville Borough. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

■ Kaitlyn Hawkins, 22, of Finleyville, told police that someone stole a 42-inch LG television from her Don Street apartment in Union Township sometime from 7 to 10:15 p.m. Wednesday. Anyone with information can call police at (724) 929-6262.

Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

Part of the Indian Hill Road overpass on Interstate 70 fell and damaged several vehicles Monday afternoon in Rostraver Township. State police said a tension cable came down on vehicles traveling eastbound at about 2:30 p.m. PennDOT spokeswoman Valerie Petersen said inspectors believe a truck struck the span and caused the cable to come loose. She said the integrity of the bridge was not compromised.Traffic was restricted to one lane until 4 p.m., as PennDOT employees inspected the span. No injuries were reported.

Chacko (FROM PAGE THREE)

learning he faced surgery. "Darn right I was. One day, you're doing all the normal things you do in life; the next day, you're wondering if you'll ever see the light of day again.

"But (DiMarco), the other doctors, nurses and staff prepared me well for what was ahead. I can't thank them or (primary care physician) Dr. (Umberto) DeRienzo for what they've done. I've known people who had the same procedure, but you don't what to expect when it happens to you. They got me through it."

Chacko's gratitude is amplified when he talks about the love and support he has received from his wife of 44 years, the former Carole Pocky, of Belle Vernon; their daughters – Marisa, Jamel, Jamie and Mindy – his brother, Rich Chacko, of Carmichael, Cal.; his sister, Joyce Annonio, of Jefferson Borough, other family members and friends. His brother had undergone bypass surgery more than once in the past and was "very helpful in preparing me for mine."

"There were times before and after the surgery when I was really down," he said. "I've always been used to being active, pretty much running on my own agenda. Now I can't do that and I have to rely so much on others to keep me in line

"I am so deeply grateful to God for the encouragement, guidance and support of Carol, the kids and everyone else. I can't tell you how many times they've given me a pat on the back and a kick in the rear that have meant so much to me."

That positive attitude has helped Chacko with his cardiopulmonary rehabilitation - a series of 36 sessions that includes workouts on such cutting-edge equipment as a treadmill, recumbent bike and Nustep, an armometer; wall pulleys and weights, and strict dietary guidelines.

"Everything is designed to measure the patients' progress and ensure that they return to a healthy and normal lifestyle," Furlong said. "In addition to cardiac patients, we have organ transplant recipients taking part in the program. Many come here before their surgery as a matter of strengthening their bodies for the operations, and they return for a post-operative program to work toward a complete recovery."

Furlong said Chacko, whose keen sense of humor has not diminished, is an "ideal patient."

"Jim inspires the other patients with his can-do attitude," Furlong said. "He's well known, of course, so many people here stop to talk with him. But he also makes a point of talking with everyone, encouraging them to do well and leading by example.

"That's very important in this program because the emotional and psychological aspects are just as important as physical ability. Everyone participates at his or her own pace, but support (from other patients) is as much as key as the formal process."

Chacko said he chose MVH's cardiopulmonary rehabilitation program because of its reputation and convenient location.

"I had heard about the hospital's excellent fitness center there (at HealthPLEX) and also the rehab program," he recalled. "My doctors recommended it and I knew that's where I would be going. It's only 15 minutes from home, so everything was in place – a quality program with a skilled, experienced and caring staff so close to home."

The care he's receiving at the HealthPLEX site has enhanced Chacko's desire to return to the daily workouts he enjoyed at Mon Valley YMCA before his heart surgery.

"I looked forward to going to the Y, but by coming here I really haven't missed a beat," he said. "They don't play games. They help save lives."

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 1

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2009. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

■ In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

■ In 1894, the Great Hinckley Fire destroyed Hinckley, Minn., and five other communities, and killed more than 400 people.

■ In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.

■ In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

■ In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

■ In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

■ In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

■ In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of game 21.

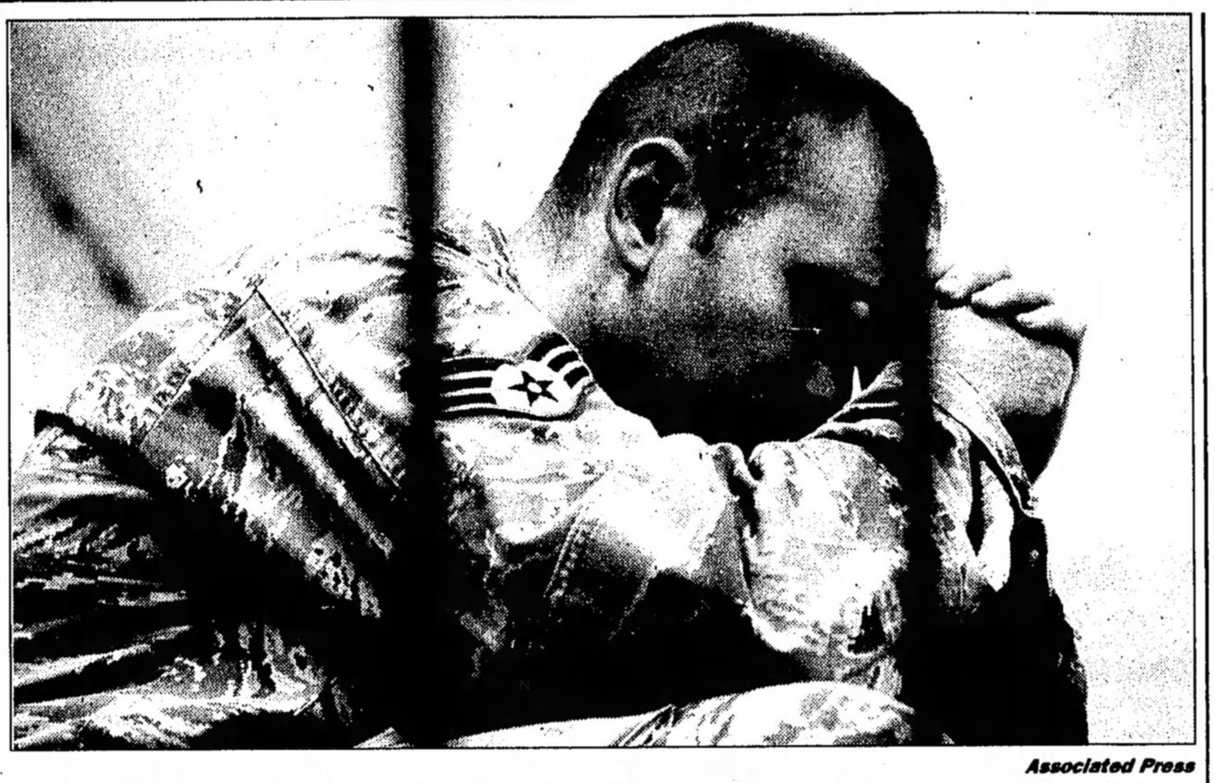
■ In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner had entered Soviet airspace.

■ In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti died of a heart attack at his summer home in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., at age 51.

■ **Ten years ago**: Twenty-two of baseball's 68 permanent umpires found themselves jobless, the fallout from their union's failed attempt to force an early start to negotiations for a new labor contract. Ten American tourists and two Tanzanians were killed when their small plane crashed as they were leaving Serengeti National Park.

■ **Five years ago**: More than 1,000 people were taken hostage by heavily armed Chechen militants at a school in Beslan in southern Russia; more than 330, mostly children, were eventually killed in the three-day ordeal. Militants in Iraq freed seven employees of a Kuwaiti trucking firm after their employer paid half a million dollars in ransom. The criminal case against Kobe Bryant collapsed as prosecutors in Colorado dropped a sexual assault charge against the NBA star.

■ **One year ago**: Hurricane Gustav slammed into the heart of Louisiana's fishing and oil industry with 110 mph winds, delivering only a glancing blow to New Orleans. Republicans opened their national convention in St. Paul, Minn., on a subdued note because of Hurricane Gustav; John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, revealed that her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, was pregnant. Jerry Lewis raised a record $65 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in his annual Labor Day telethon. Country singer-actor Jerry Reed died in Nashville at age 71. Voiceover artist Don LaFontaine, whose distinctive baritone graced innumerable movie trailers, died in Los Angeles at age 68.



Associated Press

In this photo taken Sunday, Senior Airman Shaun Thomas, of the 335th Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, N.C., spends a few moments alone shortly before deploying to Afghanistan.

U.S. commander calls for new Afghan strategy

President will look closely at requests for resources.

By ANNE GEARAN
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — More troops and a new strategy for using them are emerging as critical components to the 8-year-old effort by U.S. and NATO forces to defeat the Taliban and secure Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, acknowledging bright spots but also "gloom and doom" in a new assessment of the war, said Monday the Obama administration would look closely at requests for resources.

Asking for more troops is not part of the classified assessment delivered by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, according to officials. However, he is expected to ask for more troops in a separate request in a few weeks, two NATO officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. They were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

McChrystal's assessment is expected to offer a blunt appraisal of the Taliban's increasing tactical prowess and diminishing popular support in Afghanistan for both the foreign-led war effort and the fragile, corruption-riddled central government.

"The situation in Afghanistan is serious," McChrystal said Monday, and success "demands a revised implementation strategy, commitment and resolve, and increased unity of effort."

Gates told reporters traveling with him to Fort Worth, Texas, "We have been very explicit that Gen. McChrystal should be forthright in telling us what he needs." A Pentagon spokesman said Gates had not yet seen McChrystal's recommendations, which were being reviewed and commented upon by Gen. David Petraeus and others at U.S. Central Command.

Although President Barack Obama committed 21,000 new American forces to Afghanistan this year, officials are bracing for a request for even more. Obama would then face a buildup of troops there just as troop commitments in Iraq are easing or the risk losing the war he argued the U.S. had neglected.

Neither the White House nor Congress would enjoy the prospect of widening the war after eight years and millions of dollars in development money. Violence is escalating: August became the deadliest month of the war with at least 47 U.S. troop deaths.

U.S. and NATO commanders have said they do not have sufficient troops and support to expand the fight against a resilient and well-organized Taliban insurgency. But Gates noted his oft-repeated worry about placing too many forces in Afghanistan, a strategy that failed for the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

"I think there are larger issues," Gates said. "We will have to look at the availability of forces; we will have to look at costs. There are a lot of different things we will have to look at."

In Brussels, NATO spokesman James Appathurai said the report also would be examined by NATO's political and military leadership. He stressed it was an assessment by the commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan, "not a change of strategy."

McChrystal's report recommends focusing the U.S. and NATO counterinsurgency efforts on the Afghan population and less on militants, one of the NATO officials in Afghanistan said.

Last week, McChrystal said troops "must change the way that we think, act and operate" in newly released counterinsurgency guidance. McChrystal hopes to instill a new approach in troops to make the safety of villagers the top priority.

Gates requested the report as a gut check following Obama's announcement of a pared-down counterinsurgency strategy and the rare wartime firing of a top general last spring. McChrystal was sent to Afghanistan this summer to oversee the addition of 17,000 U.S. combat forces, part of a record U.S. commitment of 68,000 by the end of this year.

Underscoring a sluggishness in the war effort, a so-called civilian surge ordered by Obama shortly after he took office appears to be moving slowly. Fewer than one-quarter of the extra civilians expected to provide expertise in law, agriculture, engineering and other areas deemed vital to stabilizing Afghanistan are in place.

At that pace, according to military and political leaders, the U.S. risks losing a critical opportunity to boost the war effort.

Administration officials heading the civilian buildup insist the program is on pace but acknowledge they have sprawling logistics issues. Between 90 and 100 of the approximately 450 extra civilians expected to be dispatched to Afghanistan by the end of this year have already arrived, officials say.

Another Sen. Kennedy in Mass.?

Successors to Teddy's seat are being discussed.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another Kennedy just might occupy the Kennedy seat in the Senate.

Amid the emotional public outpouring over the death of Sen. Edward Kennedy, talk of a successor has focused on his widow, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, and his nephew, Joseph Kennedy II, the 56-year-old former congressman who could return to politics after a decade's absence.

"Even though he's emotionally drained right now, he can't help but be moved by the enormous flood of affection and respect from all over the country," said veteran Democratic strategist Dan Payne. "He wouldn't be human and he wouldn't be a Kennedy if he didn't give serious consideration to running for what is known as the 'Kennedy seat' in Massachusetts."

Kennedy would be an early favorite if he decides to run, likely discouraging other Democrats who might be reluctant to oppose a Kennedy so close to the senator's death. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick on Monday set a date of Jan. 19 for a special election to fill Kennedy's seat. The primary will be Dec. 8.

There have been few clues about Kennedy's plans and he has declined comment. Family sources have indicated Victoria Kennedy is not interested in running.

Patrick said Monday that she told him she does not want to be appointed as an interim replacement either. Before he died last week, Edward Kennedy had asked Massachusetts lawmakers to change state law to let the governor name an interim appointee to serve until voters can choose a permanent replacement. State lawmakers plan a hearing on it next week.

Within days of Edward Kennedy's death, jockeying for the first open Senate seat in Massachusetts in 25 years intensified.

Democrats who might run are Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, and Reps. Stephen Lynch, Michael Capuano and Edward Markey.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Some Californians return to rubble

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bert Voorhees and his son fetched several cases of wine from the brackish water of their backyard swimming pool, about all he salvaged from his home in deadly fires that have swept Southern California.

"You're going to be living in a lunar landscape for at least a couple of years, and these trees might not come back," said Voorhees, 53. "Are enough of our neighbors going to rebuild?"

Residents began to return to the ashes of their homes on Monday and ponder what's next even as the blazes fanned out, destroying 53 homes and threatening 12,000 others. Lack of wind has kept the flames from driving into the hearts of the dense suburbs northeast of Los Angeles.

"This is a very angry fire that we're fighting right now," U.S. Forest Service Cmdr. Mike Dietrich said Monday night. "I'm not overly optimistic but yet at the same time, our firefighters are going to be taking every action to keep this fire from burning more destruction."

Beth Halaas, who lives next door to Voorhees, knew her creekside home in Big Tujunga Canyon was gone when she saw her favorite Norwegian dishware on television news, but she was desperate to see for herself and cajoled fire officials to escort her through barricaded roads Monday.

Hurricane Jimena forces evacuations

LOS CABOS, Mexico (AP) — Emergency workers struggled to evacuate thousands of reluctant slum dwellers as extremely dangerous Hurricane Jimena approached Mexico's resort-studded Baja California Peninsula today.

Jimena, just short of Category 5 status with winds of near 155 mph (250 kph), could rake the harsh desert region fringed with picturesque beaches and fishing villages as a major storm by this evening.

Police, firefighters and navy personnel drove through shantytowns, trying to persuade some 10,000 people to evacuate shacks made of plastic sheeting, wood, reeds and even blankets.

"For the safety of you and your family, board a vehicle or head to the nearest shelter," firefighter Ricardo Villalobos bellowed over a loudspeaker as his fire truck wound its way through the sand streets of Colonia Obrera, a slum built along a stream bed that regularly springs to life when a hurricane hits.

Asked how many people were paying attention, he noted wryly, "not many."

Garrido talked about 'rape fantasy'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The man accused of abducting and sexually abusing Jaycee Lee Dugard testified during a previous kidnapping and rape case that he prowled through residential neighborhoods as a Peeping Tom and had strong rape desires.

During his 1977 kidnapping trial, Phillip Garrido also said he leered at girls as young as seven and 10, and he admitted to exposing himself to some of them.

He testified that LSD and cocaine acted as sexual stimulants, and that he frequently masturbated and often in public places including the "side of schools, grammar schools and high schools, in my own car while I was watching young females."

The portrait of the 58-year-old Garrido comes from trial transcripts and a psychiatric report from unrelated case files made public Monday. In that case, Garrido was convicted in Reno, Nev., of kidnapping a stranger. He later admitted to raping her in a rented storage unit described by investigators as a "sex palace" with items for playing out his sexual fantasies.

Garrido and his wife Nancy are being held in El Dorado County on charges that they kidnapped and raped Dugard, then held her captive at their Antioch home for the past 18 years even as parole officers and police occasionally turned up at his house.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $340,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $340,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Monday's game.

Lottery officials said 47 players matched four numbers and won $456 each; 2,311 players matched three numbers and won $15.50 each; and 30,289 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	7-9-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-2-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-3-0-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	9-6-2-3
DAY QUINTO:	4-8-2-3-9
NIGHT QUINTO:	7-6-7-3-7
TREASURE HUNT:	14-15-16-24-27
CASH 5:	08-16-34-42-43
MIX & MATCH:	12-13-6-15-4

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	2-3-9
NIGHT PICK 3:	1-8-5
DAY PICK 4:	4-1-5-8
NIGHT PICK 4:	0-3-8-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	7-12-28-37-38
CLASSIC LOTTO:	2-10-32-35-41-48

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

DAILY 3:	6-0-7
DAILY 4:	1-8-5-8
CASH 25:	5-14-16-21-23-25

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OUR OPINION

Ramellini's death a major loss

THE MONESSEN COMMUNITY is mourning the loss of one of its longtime religious leaders.

A memorial Mass will be held 7 p.m. today for Monsignor P. Lino Ramellini, who died Friday at age 88.

Funeral Mass is scheduled 11 a.m. Wednesday in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, 618 Knox Ave.

Born and raised in Italy, the well-known priest served churches in Panama before coming to the Diocese of Greensburg in the 1960s.

He led the former St. Cajetan Parish in Monessen from 1970 until his retirement in 1991.

However, Msgr. Ramellini remained in Monessen and never really retired.

Until his health no longer allowed it, the priest continued to conduct memorial Masses in the chapel in his Monessen home.

He also took part in weddings and funerals, and visited the sick and shut-ins of the community.

And whenever the Diocese asked, he was ready and willing to assist.

Parishioners described him as a kind, patient man with a pleasant personality.

He was loved by parishioners of all ages and was known as a caring, generous spiritual leader.

The fact that Msgr. Ramellini remained in Monessen after his retirement 18 years ago is testament to his love for the community.

That feeling was mutual, and Msgr. Ramellini will be missed.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

Grand Forks (N.D.) Herald Grand Forks, on airport contingency plans:

News of the passengers who spent the night trapped in a plane at the Rochester, Minn., airport likely left most readers shaking their heads in disbelief. But here's hoping that at the Grand Forks airport, officials were nodding — in vigorous determination not to let such an incident develop here.

Today, those officials should be making sure contingency plans are in place that everyone knows what to do. ...

As is the case with many serious mishaps, this one came about because of a chain of unfortunate events. For airport and airline executives, each event should be a lesson learned.

First off was the hour. At about midnight on Aug. 8, thunderstorms forced an ExpressJet Airlines flight to divert to Rochester instead of landing in Minneapolis, the plane's intended destination.

The second event was the airport. As is typical among local or regional airports, many operations at the Rochester airport are closed or curtailed overnight. ...

Left in charge was a local representative of Mesaba Airlines, who refused to let the passengers enter the terminal. But while that refusal was a mistake, it's at least understandable under the circumstances. And that's all the more reason for airports to have good contingency plans in place. ...

Are local airports equipped for such emergencies?

The answer likely is "yes," where facilities are concerned. But facilities weren't the issue in Rochester. Training was the issue — training for late-night and other situations that call for people to think out of the box. Local airports should study this case and incorporate the lessons learned.

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Reform immigration to honor Kennedy

Morton **KONDRACKE**

Along with a health-care reform bill, it would be a fitting tribute to the late Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., if Congress could act on his other great unfinished cause: immigration reform.

For all his liberal Democratic passion, Kennedy understood — as few of his colleagues seem to nowadays — the importance of working on a bipartisan basis to get legislation passed.

He worked with President George W. Bush to pass the No Child Left Behind education reform and a Medicare prescription drug law, though he ultimately opposed the final bill as insufficiently generous.

Kennedy's death undoubtedly will elicit calls to get health-care reform legislation passed in his memory, but reforming the immigration system was also one of his major goals yet unreached.

Kennedy worked with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Bush in 2006 and 2007 to fashion a compromise that would allow illegal immigrants with clean records to earn their way to permanent status.

The bill also would have ended the unconscionable delays that keep family members of recent immigrants waiting years — sometimes decades — to be admitted.

And though his motives for reform might have been primarily humanitarian — especially, getting 12 million illegal immigrants "out of the shadows," where they can easily be exploited economically — he understood the need to get America's borders under control.

Kennedy and McCain came painfully close to passing reform legislation in 2007, but fell just seven votes short of the 60 needed to break a filibuster.

It came close despite a hysterical campaign mounted by right-wing groups and talk-show hosts that the bill would grant "amnesty" to illegals. It's akin to the current demagoguery over "death panels" supposedly created under pending health legislation.

McCain, running for president, abandoned his own bill and declared that the lesson of the reform failure was that Americans were demanding that the borders be secured before other aspects of reform should be considered.

Last month, a Council on Foreign Relations task force co-chaired by Bush's brother, former Florida governor Jeb Bush (R), reported that substantial strides have been made to seal the border.

"Although many in the media, and some in Congress, continue to insist that U.S. borders are out of control and insecure," the task force wrote, it also found that "border enforcement efforts of the past several years are impressive and not well enough understood by the public."

U.S. Border Patrol manpower has been doubled since 2005 — to 20,000, making it the largest law enforcement agency in the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security has spent billions of dollars creating physical and high-tech "virtual" barriers along the border with Mexico, and the DHS last year deported 350,000 illegals caught in the United States, a 20 percent increase over 2007.

And the Bush and Obama administrations have toughened enforcement of laws against the hiring of illegal immigrants, staging large-scale raids on various businesses to make the point.

So to the extent that "control the borders first" became a rallying cry for reform opponents in 2007, improvements since then can be a pro-reform argument now.

"Impressive" as control efforts have been, the panel declared, "no amount of enforcement can eliminate the underlying problem, which is that aggressively enforcing a broken regime does not fix it.

"Unless the United States has a more sensible and efficient system for admitting legal migrants who come to take advantage of work opportunities, no reasonable level of enforcement is likely to resolve the illegal immigration problem," the panel said.

It added, "that for much of the last decade roughly 800,000 migrants could come to the United States illegally each year and find jobs is a clear indicator that the legal migration system has not remotely reflected market demand."

The role that Kennedy played as chairman of the immigration subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has been taken on by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who has vowed to get a bill written this year.

Schumer could well advance the cause by holding a high-profile hearing featuring Jeb Bush as a key witness along with others from the 19-member task force, also co-chaired by Thomas F. McLarty III, Bill Clinton's first White House chief of staff.

The task force's principal message was stark: "If the United States continues to mishandle its immigration policy, it will damage one of the vital underpinnings of American prosperity and security, and could condemn the country to a long, slow decline in its status in the world."

The panel made an especially strong case that immigration reform is necessary to keep the U.S. economy growing — and that robust growth, especially in high technology, is necessary for national security.

Immigrants will enlarge the workforce, help finance U.S. retirement programs, fill low-end jobs that Americans don't want and prevent the United States from faltering in global economic competition, the panel said.

The task force recommended significant expansion and simplification of the H2-A agricultural worker program, the H2-B program for temporary, generally low-skilled workers and H1-B visas for the highly skilled.

While family reunification should continue to be the dominant principle of legal immigration policy, the task force said, more emphasis should be placed on economic immigration.

The panel made an especially strong case for attracting and keeping foreign students and graduates and high-skilled workers.

"Immigrants are especially important in science, technology and engineering, which are so critical to U.S. economic competitiveness," the report said, noting that more than half of U.S. scientists are foreign-born.

Other countries are now intensively competing for scientific talent, while limited H1-B quotas and other restrictions keep thousands of students and researchers from coming to the United States.

The task force recommended that "foreign students who earn graduate degrees from American universities be presumptively eligible to remain in the United States and receive employment-based visas" and that no quotas should apply.

The task force declared itself encouraged that the Obama administration has promised to make immigration reform a top priority.

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NEXT ON "THE WOMEN'S CHANNEL"... another story of LOST LOVE and HEARTBREAK...

Library celebrates 50th

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

Fifty years ago, school students made a book brigade and moved books from the old Monessen Public Library on Fifth Street to the new facility. That new facility celebrated 50 years at 326 Donner Ave. on Aug. 22. with more than 250 library supporters at a birthday bash.

Everyone enjoyed the traditional birthday cakes and refreshments, viewing films of past Monessen events and looking through high school yearbooks.

A specially designed poster title "Operation: Book Movers, Year 1959" was prominently displayed for signing by those Monessenites who participated in the transfer of books from the old library to the new facility 50 years ago.

We encourage all who were a part of this historic event to come in and sign their names on the poster. This poster will be available at the library for signing through the end of this year and then be permanently displayed in the library for all to see and remember.

We would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make this event such a success. A special thank you to the library staff, members of the Friends of the Library, The Valley Independent, the Douglas Education Center, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and all who donated monetary gifts and attended this celebration and fund-raising activity.

Monetary gifts to celebrate this 50th birthday can still be given at the library to mailed to the Monessen Public Library and District Center, 326 Donner Ave., Monessen PA 15062.

Thank you again, library supporters, for your continued caring and concern for the library, an invaluable part of our community.

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Birthday party chairperson
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Helping the Earth

Sorting Through Recycling

Do you and your family recycle? You probably have already learned how important it is for the environment.

Have you ever wondered what happens after you put the newspaper, cans or glass in the bin? The Mini Page takes a closer look at this important activity.

A recycling tradition

People have always recycled. Before machines and big factories, most things were made by hand. Materials were so hard to get and items took so long to make that everyone recycled.

For centuries, people have:

- melted down metal goods to make new tools or jewelry;

- torn down old buildings and reused the bricks or wood to build something new;

- cut up old clothes and other cloth goods to make other clothes, quilts and rugs;

- recycled paper to make new paper.

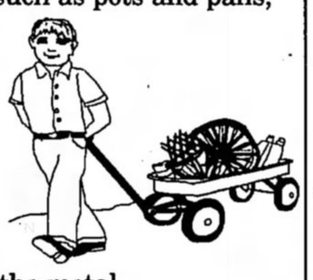
art courtesy Works Projects Administration Poster Collection, Library of Congress

The first time there was a major government campaign to educate people about the importance of recycling was during World War II. The government urged people to salvage, or save, metal, paper, rubber and other material.

World War II

During World War II, America needed metal and other materials to fight the war. The government started a campaign to convince people to recycle.

Signs urged people to pile up their scrap metal for collection. This could include things such as pots and pans, rakes, irons or birdcages. These metal objects might then be recycled as bullets. Kids pulled wagons from door to door gathering the metal.

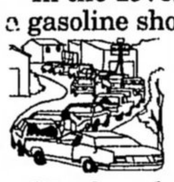


After the war was over, materials remained scarce, and people continued to recycle for many years.

Environmental movement

In the 1960s, people became more concerned about the environment. They started to realize we were using up the Earth's resources.

In the 1970s, rising energy costs and a gasoline shortage made people pay attention to vanishing fuel. At the same time, landfills got full and there was no place to put the waste.



People re-learned how important it is not to waste resources. It became clear that recycling was necessary.

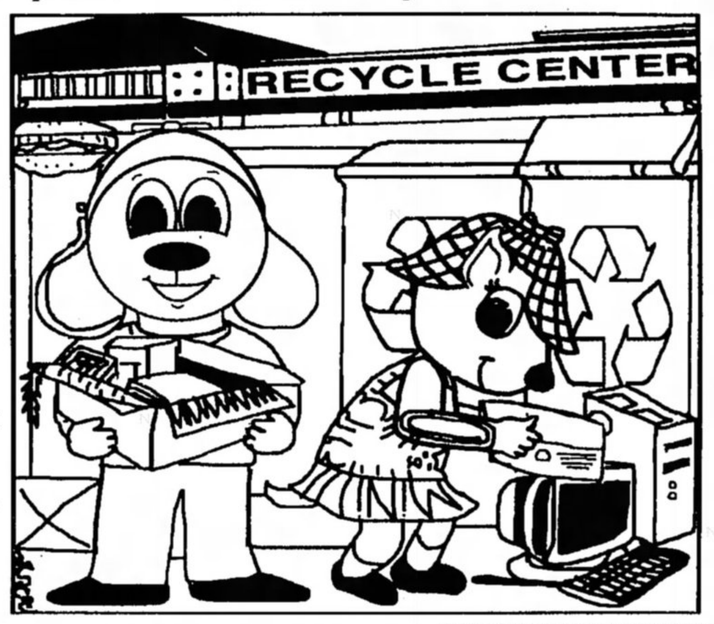
In 1960, the United States recycled around 6 percent of its waste. Today we are recycling about 33 percent, or one-third, of our waste.

Americans create about 254 million tons of garbage each year. We recycle only about 85 million tons of that.

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are recycling their old gaming systems. See if you can find:

- paper clip
- ladder
- letter E
- pencil
- book
- comb
- dice
- carrot
- word MINI
- kite
- hamburger
- question mark
- net
- cat
- hat



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Crispy Ice Cream Surprise

You'll need:

- 3/4 cup flaked coconut
- 1 1/2 cups crispy rice cereal
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 quarts reduced-fat ice cream, any flavor

What to do:

1. Mix coconut, rice cereal and walnuts in a shallow baking pan. Toast at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, remove ice cream from container and soften for 15 minutes.
3. Next, pour cereal mixture into a medium-sized bowl and stir in butter or margarine and brown sugar.
4. Spread half of mixture in a medium-size baking dish.
5. Slice softened ice cream and layer on top of mixture.
6. Top with remaining half of mixture and freeze overnight.
7. Cut into squares to serve. Serves 12.

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Penelope Cruz

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Penelope Cruz is the voice of Juarez in the Disney movie "G-Force." She has appeared in many movies in several countries.

Penelope, 35, was born in Madrid, Spain. She began taking ballet lessons when she was a child.

When she was 15, she won a talent agency competition. This brought her roles in music videos and TV shows in Spain. She speaks Spanish, French, Italian and English.

She has volunteered with Mother Teresa's children's sanctuary in Calcutta, India, and has volunteered to help needy people in Uganda. She helped found a charitable group to set up a home, clinic and school for homeless girls in Calcutta.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Catherine Osterman

Birthdate: 4-16-83 **Hometown: Houston**
Height: 6-2 **Residence: Chicago**

There are some softball players who would probably rather spend a day trying to rope a wild Texas steer than batting against Houston native Cat Osterman.

It would be less frustrating. The "Cat" has been baffling opposing hitters for years.

Tall, talented and tenacious on the mound, Osterman won three National Player of the Year awards in four years at the University of Texas, where she set an NCAA record with 2,265 career strikeouts. She helped the U.S. win an Olympic gold medal in 2004 and has contributed to three straight World Cup titles, the most recent one this past July.

Osterman, who earned a psychology degree at Texas, is working as an assistant softball coach at DePaul University and doing graduate work when not traveling with the U.S. national team. She is taking taekwondo and wants to skydive and bungee jump, too.

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Special Recycling Needs

Electronic waste

Items such as computers, TVs and cell phones create special recycling problems. They are made of so many different materials, they must be handled extra-carefully.

Communities may have special times or places for people to bring electronic waste, or **e-waste**, for recycling. E-waste cannot be mixed with other recycling materials.

E-waste recyclers take special care so that nobody is hurt. There have been problems with some e-waste facilities in China. Circuit board metals have ended up in Chinese rivers, polluting the water. People have gotten sick.

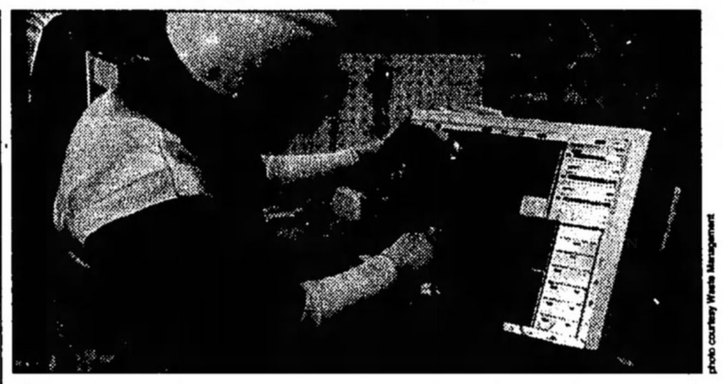

photo courtesy Waste Management

Recycling workers must take computers and other electronic products apart by hand. They break up the circuit boards. Circuit board parts are then melted down, and the metals are separated from each other.

Regular recyclable materials such as plastic or glass are sent to businesses that re-use those materials.

Products with mercury

Other types of waste, such as fluorescent bulbs and thermometers, also need special care. Workers wear protective clothing when recycling these products.

Mercury is a dangerous material used in fluorescent bulbs and thermometers. It is safe when it is contained in glass.

However, mercury **vaporizes**, or turns to gas, easily when it is not contained. Workers break the glass in special rooms where the mercury gas cannot escape.

Reusing recycled materials

Sometimes recycled material is turned back into what it was in the first place. For example, recycled paper is turned into new paper products.

Other materials are turned into something completely different. For example, plastic soda bottles might be made into carpet or clothing, such as this jacket.

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Sorting and Saving Materials

Sorting the mix

Each community has different ways to sort its recyclables. Different materials might need to be kept separate. For example, aluminum cans might go in one bin and tin cans in another. Colored glass might need to be separated from clear glass.

This type of recycling is called **multi-stream**. There are many streams of different materials.

Other communities don't require that people sort goods at all. They can mix different materials, such as glass and newspapers, in the same bin.

This type of recycling is called **single-stream**. The recycled goods are all dumped in one single stream onto sorting machinery.

Experts say the good thing about single-stream recycling is that people don't have to do much work. They don't have to separate magazines from pop cans, for example. Since it is easier, people are more likely to do it.

The bad thing is that single-stream recycling may not get everything completely separated. Materials may be more likely to be **contaminated**, or mixed with other materials.

Look at ads for different ite s in your newspaper. How uch of the product packaging do you think could be recycled?

photo courtesy Waste Management

Waste Management workers stand along the conveyor belt to pull out anything that might have been thrown in by mistake, such as food.

Workers keep checking to make sure nothing gets in that would contaminate, or ruin, the mixture of the recycled material.

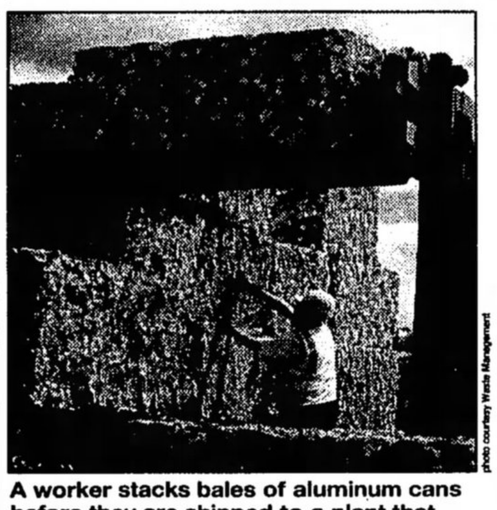
Sorting through the stream

In single-stream recycling, everything is dumped all together onto a large moving belt, or **conveyor belt**. Then:

- Rubber rollers shaped like stars knock off the cardboard onto its own moving belt.
- Blasts of air blow paper onto its belt.
- Glass is pushed down into big bins under the moving belt, where it is smashed. The glass is pushed under the belts so none of it flies up and hurts workers.
- **Optical*** machinery sorts the glass by color. Another optical sorter separates plastic by color.

***Optical (AHP-ti-kul) means something that deals with seeing. Optical machinery uses light to "see" what it's looking for.**

- Electromagnets suck off metal items such as steel.
- Magnets can't pick up aluminum. Instead, a swirling electrical flow, or **current**, flips the lightweight aluminum off the main belt.



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A worker stacks bales of aluminum cans before they are shipped to a plant that works especially with aluminum. Bales of cans can weigh from 1 to 3 tons each. After being sorted in a single-stream plant, different materials are baled to be shipped to specialized recyclers.

The Mini Page thanks Latisha Petteway, EPA, and Lynn C. Brown, Waste Management, for help with this issue.

Next week, The Mini Page is about explorer Henry Hudson.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Walter: What is the weather today?
Wanda: I can't tell because it's so cloudy!

Wesley: What animal falls from the clouds?
Winton: A raindeer!

Wendy: If you're broke, why should you look up at the sky?
William: To see if there is any change in the weather!

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Basset Brown The News Hound's Recycling TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of recycling are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: WORLD, WAR, ALUMINUM, CAN, NEWSPAPER, ENERGY, GAS, LANDFILL, ENVIRONMENT, SINGLE, STREAM, GLASS, BIN, SORT, PLASTIC, COLORED, TON, AIR, BALE, WASTE, FLUORESCENT, BULB.

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More to Explore

The Mini Page provides ideas for Web sites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- **www.thinkgreen.com/students-k-5**
- **www.recyclerunway.com/pages/Youth.html**
- **www.epa.gov/recyclecity**

At the library:

- **"Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion"** by Loree Griffin Burns (Houghton Mifflin Co.) is the true story of two scientists who studied ocean currents by tracking toys and other things that fell overboard from ships.

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Trumka issues health care warning

AFL-CIO official says labor won't support lawmakers who don't back overhaul.

By SAM HANANEL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The man expected to become the AFL-CIO's next president said Monday that lawmakers would pay a political price if they abandon a government-run option in any health care overhaul.

"We need to be a labor movement that stands by our friends, punishes its enemies and challenges those who, well, can't seem to decide which side they're on," said Richard Trumka, currently the AFL-CIO's secretary-treasurer.

In remarks to the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, Trumka singled out lawmakers "who say they are all for health care reform, but refuse to stand up for a public system that puts people before profits."

Trumka's remarks came in a broader speech that outlined his goals for making labor unions more appealing to younger workers and stemming the historic decline of union rolls.

Associated Press

Dr Esther Kaplan, right, argues her opinion on health care outside of a town hall meeting held by U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., Monday in Skokie, Ill.

Labor unions have been among the most vocal boosters of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. But Trumka and other labor leaders have expressed frustration with signs that Obama and other lawmakers are wavering in their support of a public option that would cover millions without health care insurance.

"I think they need to understand that that you can have a bill that guarantees quality, affordable health care for every American, or you can have a bill the Republicans will vote for," Trumka said. "But you can't have both."

The warning is consistent with comments that Trumka has made in several recent public appearances. Union support for Democrats is often taken for granted, but Trumka has said the nation's largest labor federation would do more to hold elected officials accountable if they fail to back labor's causes.

That includes support for a measure that would make it easier for workers to organize unions. Trumka said he still expects a version of the Employee Free Choice Act to be passed in Congress this year, though Senate leaders have said the bill is on hold while lawmakers address health care and other more pressing legislation.

Trumka said passage of the union organizing bill would help rebuild the economy by boosting union membership and raising workers' wages through the collective bargaining process. Business groups adamantly oppose the measure.

Trumka is poised to become the AFL-CIO's president in mid-September at the organization's quadrennial convention in Pittsburgh. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday that Obama plans to speak at the convention on Sept. 15.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce planned to begin airing its second round of television and radio ads opposing the Democratic plan on Tuesday morning in 21 states, aimed mostly at lawmakers who seem undecided. Chamber officials said the buy would total about the same as the first round of commercials, which began airing about three weeks ago and cost about $7 million.

The ad accuses Democratic leaders of trying to rush the bill through Congress because it would force higher taxes and deeper budget deficits.

"The fast sale on government-run health care? No way," the ad says.

Lessons from Mexico on swine flu outbreak

Nation's health officials believe they took the right steps last spring.

By MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY — Mexico is preparing for a second wave of swine flu, looking at what worked and what didn't last spring when it banned everything from dining out to attending school in an effort to control the virus.

As the Northern Hemisphere flu season begins, the rest of the world is also studying Mexico's experience, looking for measures to replicate and costly mistakes to avoid.

So what worked? Public awareness; rapid diagnosis, treatment and quarantine; and a near-compulsive outbreak of hand-washing.

What didn't? Travel bans, school closures, overuse of antibiotics and those flimsy paper face masks that tangled hair, slid down necks and hid the beautiful smiles of this gargantuan city.

When swine flu first flared up in Mexico in April, the government erred on the side of caution, closing schools and museums, banning public gatherings, playing soccer games to empty stadiums and telling people not to shake hands or kiss one another on the cheek. This bustling city of 18 million became eerily hollow.

Mexican health officials say they made the right call.

"Since we were the first country affected by the flu, we didn't know the possible magnitude and severity, so we took measures that we now know can be (focused)," said Dr. Pablo Kuri, the health secretary's special influenza adviser.

In hindsight, Mexico's most effective action — one now emulated around the world — was immediately telling its own citizens when the new virus was detected.

Not every country has been so candid when facing an epidemic: China was heavily criticized for its slow response to SARS in 2003, while Argentina refused to declare a national public health emergency when swine flu flared there in July.

But Mexico's openness didn't come cheap: Economists say the outbreak cost the country billions of dollars, mostly in losses from tourism.

"Mexico shared information early and frequently," said Dr. Jon Andrus at the Pan American Health Organization's headquarters in Washington. "Mexico did this at great cost to its economy, but it was the right thing to do."

At the height of the epidemic in March, you could hardly make it a block in Mexico City without a masked public health worker, maitre d', bus driver or store owner squeezing a dollop of antiseptic gel onto your hands.

Health experts say hand-washing offered the best defense — while the masks probably did little to stop the virus from spreading. Masks are now advised only for health care workers and people who are already infected.

Fear also left behind a cleaner city: Crews now regularly scrub subways and buses, park benches and offices — something almost unheard of before the epidemic.

"Clearly, millions of Mexicanos wore masks this spring everywhere they went, but H1N1 continued to spread," said Laurie Garrett, a senior fellow at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations. "It now seems clear that the best personal protections are regular hand-washing, avoiding crowded places, and — when it is available — vaccination."

Many Mexicans wait until they suffer full-blown symptoms before going to a doctor, if at all. Often, people self-diagnose and go to a pharmacy to treat themselves since few drugs require a prescription. Since April, however, certain anti-flu drugs are distributed only at hospitals.

Millions of uniformed Mexican children were greeted with a dash of anti-bacterial gel as they returned to school last Monday. Classes were postponed until mid-September in southern Chiapas state because of an uptick in swine flu cases in the past month. Chiapas has had 3,400 swine flu cases to date, the most in the country.

Schools nationwide are checking for possible signs of swine flu among children and teachers and are sending home anyone who seems sick. They also have added new curriculum guidelines to ensure children learn about personal hygiene and basic sanitation.

But this time, schools will be closed only if so many sick children or teachers get sick that education is compromised. Plans are already under way to continue lessons at home.

"We aren't going to panic, but we are being more careful here this year," said Cecilia McGregor, spokeswoman for Colegio Ciudad de Mexico, an 1,100-student private school in Mexico City.

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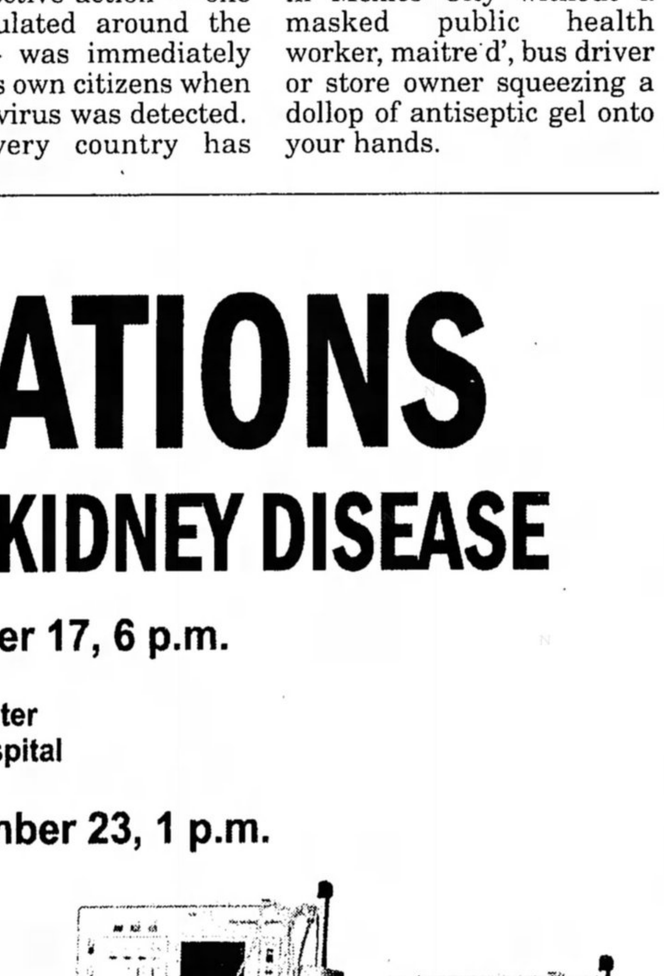

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HEALTH CARE

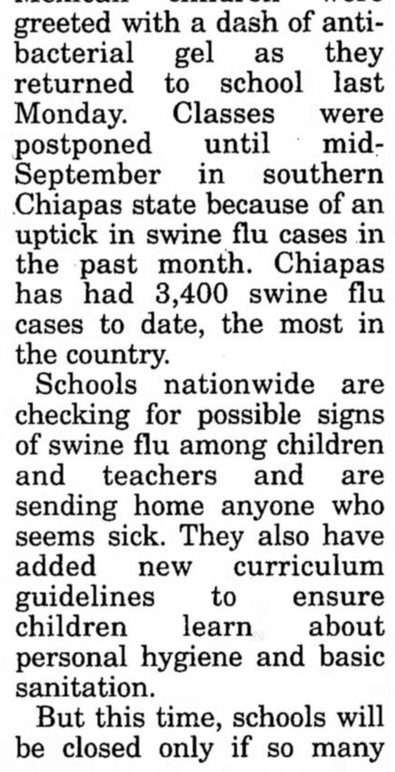
Hospital appoints Sullivan, Emond to surgical department

Dr. Mark F. Sullivan and sports medicine specialist Dr. Christopher E. Emond, M.D., have been appointed to the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Sullivan is board certified in general surgery and thoracic surgery and has joined the hospital staff in the department of surgery.

Sullivan received his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1983. He completed residencies in general and thoracic surgery at the College of Medicine, Chicago, the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh and the University of Minnesota Hospitals. His fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery was completed at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston in 1992.

Sullivan is affiliated with cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Chet Phitayakorn with an office at 1200 McKean Ave., Charleroi.



Dr. Mark Sullivan

Dr. Christopher Emond

Emond also joined the hospital staff in the department of surgery.

He received his medical degree from New York Medical College in 2003. He completed his internship in general surgery in 2004 and his residency in orthopedic surgery in 2008, both at Boston University Medical Center. Emond completed his fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia in 2009.

He is affiliated with The Orthopedic Group, P.C., 800 Plaza Dr., Belle Vernon.

MVH announces weekly schedule

Monongahela Valley Hospital will offer the following programs next week:

■ Sept. 8, 9, 10 — Managing Your Diabetes, 8:30 a.m., Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township. This three-day, two-hour-per-day education series that focuses on diabetes self-management and care. Registration is required prior to the start of classes. For more information or to register, call (724) 258-1483.

■ Sept. 8 — RSDS Support Group, 6 p.m., Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Support Group is free and open to all persons with RSDS or related illnesses. For more information, call (724) 929-9492.

■ Sept. 9 — Arthritis Support Group, 1 p.m., education conference center. The group is free and open to all persons with arthritis or related illnesses and their families. For more information, call (724) 258-1321.

Venus survives at U.S. Open

It took Venus Williams 2 hours, 43 minutes to get past first-round opponent Vera Dushevina. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Emotional coach defends Michigan

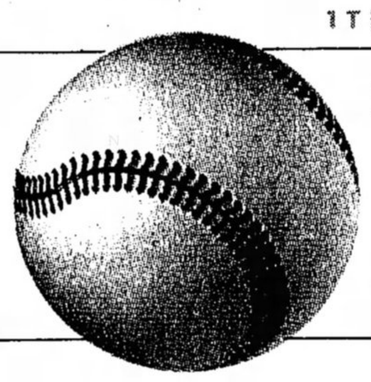
Wolverines coach Rich Rodriguez fought back tears at a press conference Monday. **2B**

Double trouble

The Pirates sank deeper into last place with two losses Monday in Cincinnati **3B**

Sports Trivia

Rich Rodriguez was the offensive coordinator at which two Division I schools before landing the head coaching jobs at first West Virginia and now Michigan? **2B**



Last night's scores

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3, 1st game
Atlanta 5, Florida 2
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 3

Brian **HERMAN**

Vulcans not the only loser in the Top 10

California University wasn't the only Top 10 NCAA Division II football team to open the season last week with a loss.

So did No. 2 Northwest Missouri State and No. 4 Delta State.

Northwest Missouri State went down to No. 5 Abilene Christian, 19-14, while Delta State fell to Texas A&M Kingsville, 28-17.

California's 23-17 defeat to Saginaw Valley State dropped the Vulcans from eighth to 17th in the American Football Coaches Association poll.

The Vulcans, however, could move up in the rankings with a victory Saturday night at Adamson Stadium since their opponent, Bloomsburg, climbed from 13th to sixth with a 10-7 decision over No. 15 Ashland.

Two other PSAC schools, West Chester and Edinboro, passed Cal in the rankings with opening game victories.

West Chester went from 20th to 14th with a 43-0 rout of Lock Haven, while Edinboro moved up six spots to 15th with a 42-30 win over West Liberty State.

Northwest Missouri State slipped to eighth and Delta State to 11th with their losses.

No. 1 Grand Valley State opened its season with a 37-23 victory over No. 11 West Texas A&M.

Minnesota-Duluth, the defending champion which dropped Cal in last year's semifinals, moved from third to second with an opening 56-0 pasting of Concordia-St. Paul.

Knocking off the Vulcans pushed unranked Saginaw Valley State to the No. 24 spot.

■ After five years as Cal's offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, Mike Kellar's head coaching debut at Concord University was a memorable one.

His Mountain Lions rolled to a 63-10 victory over NAIA Southern Virginia in Buena Vista, Va.

Concord snapped a 12-game losing skid and scored its most points in 18 seasons.

Zack Grossi, who transferred from Cal to the West Virginia school, completed 10 of 17 passes for 273 yards and four touchdowns.

Another Cal transfer Dennis Cole had 54 yards on four carries and scored twice.

He scored the game's first touchdown on a 25-yard pass from Grossi and later raced in from 45 yards out.

The Mountain Lions led 49-10 at halftime.

Concord makes its home debut Saturday night against Lenoir-Rhyne.

■ And thanks to Ron Galilei, of Monessen, who says character is what you are when no one is watching!

Ben ready for opener

Steelers quarterback was impressive in win over Buffalo.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Throwing one perfectly timed pass after another during a long scoring drive, Ben Roethlisberger answered any questions about how ready he is to start the season.

He fired a 16-yard strike to Limas Sweed, followed by another perfect throw to Hines Ward. Then he waited for Heath Miller to get open and feathered an 18-yard completion to the tight end.

The 87-yard touchdown drive against Buffalo on Saturday looked routine: Roethlisberger was 5 of 7 for 74 yards.

Roethlisberger, it seems obvious, can't wait to start playing games that count. Despite a right foot injury that caused him to miss one preseason game, and a civil lawsuit that could have become a major distraction, he has never looked more ready.

If the Pittsburgh Steelers were worried his off-field issues might cause the two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback to get off his game, Roethlisberger is allaying them with perhaps his best preseason.

He looks loose, he looks confident, he looks in charge.

His throwing arm? Never looked better.

"Overall, I'm really happy," Roethlisberger said after going 15 of 19 for 168 yards and leading two scoring drives during the first half of Pittsburgh's 17-0 victory over the Bills.

To the man who designs his offense, Roethlisberger has the attitude of a player who hasn't accomplished nearly all he wants to achieve.

"His arm's really alive," offensive coordinator Bruce Arians said.

For all Roethlisberger has gone through — the best regular season (13-0) by any NFL rookie quarterback, two Super Bowl victories, a motorcycle crash, an appendectomy and four seasons with 10 or more victories — it's sometimes difficult for the Steelers to remember he has played only five seasons.

By comparison, Terry Bradshaw had only won the first of his four Super Bowls with Pittsburgh at the same stage of his career during the 1970s.

At first, much like it was with Bradshaw, the Steelers won the Super Bowl with their quarterback along for the ride, relying on their running game, defense and trick plays to beat Seattle 21-10 in February 2006. Then they won a Super Bowl because of Roethlisberger and the clutch drive that ended with his TD throw to Santonio Holmes in the final minute of their 27-23 victory over Arizona nearly seven months ago.

To close friend Charlie Batch, Roethlisberger's backup, that win-or-else drive signaled the Steelers are truly Big Ben's team.

"Really, it all comes down to Ben growing in the offense and the offense being built around him," Batch said. "That's something when Bruce took over a couple of years, he sat down with Ben and said, 'What do you like? And based on what you like, I'm going to build an offense around you.' I think that's something that's really paid off. You can see in the '07 season that Ben kind of blossomed and everybody said, 'Hey, we didn't realize Ben could throw the ball like this.' He knew he can."

Roethlisberger set a team record that season with 32 touchdown passes, but the Steelers lost in the opening round of the playoffs. Last season, Roethlisberger threw for only about half as many touchdowns (17), yet the Steelers won the Super Bowl.

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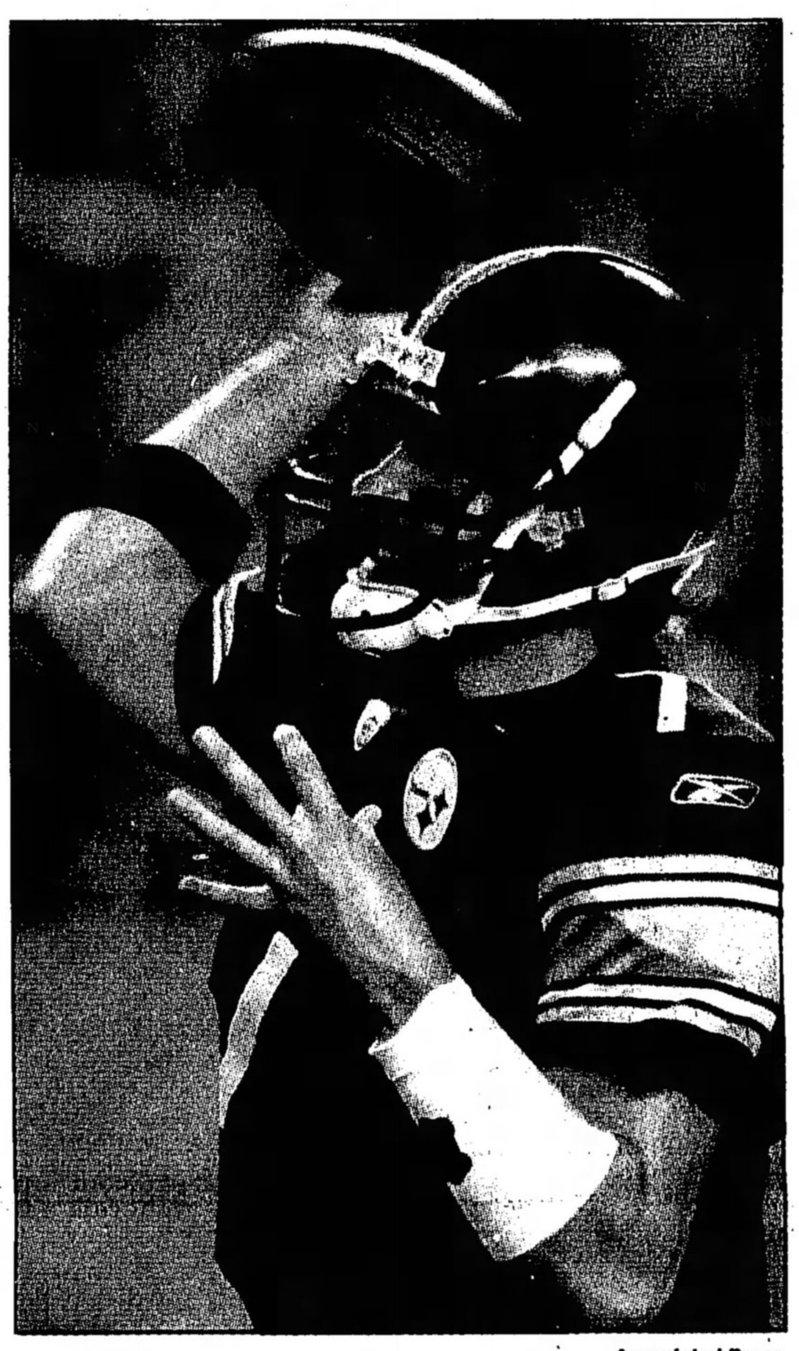


Associated Press

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 168 yards in Saturday's win over Buffalo.

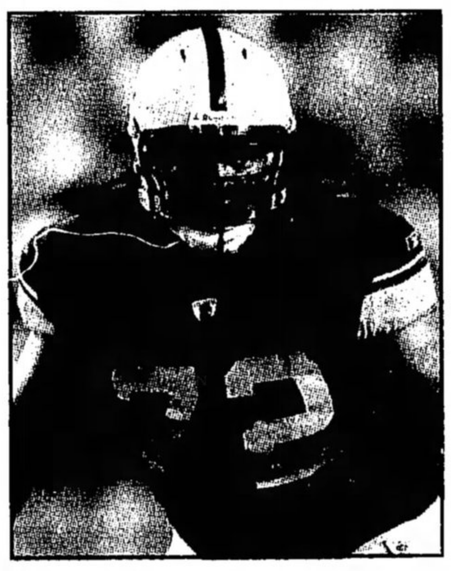
Steelers' lineman injured

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Right guard Darnell Stapleton, an undrafted player who started in the Super Bowl for the Pittsburgh Steelers, has been placed on the injured reserve list with a knee injury and will miss the season.

With Stapleton out, Trai Essex will begin the season as the Steelers' right guard.

Stapleton injured his left knee during the first week of training camp and had arthroscopic surgery to remove loose cartilage. He was expected to be ready by the start of the season, but coach Mike Tomlin said Monday he may need more surgery.

The Steelers also cut wide receivers Martin Nance and Steven Black, safety Derrick Richardson and center Alex Stepanovich.



Darnell Stapleton

Stapleton, who played center at Rutgers, made the Steelers' roster in 2007 mostly because of his ability to play multiple positions. He started 12 of the Steelers' 16 regular season games and all three playoff games last season after Kendall Simmons injured his Achilles.

Keisel gets 5-year contract extension

Steelers locking up key Super Bowl contributors.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Defensive end Brett Keisel signed a five-year contract on Monday, becoming the eighth player to reach a new deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers since they won the Super Bowl in February.

Because the Steelers have a policy of not negotiating during the regular season, Keisel is expected to be the final player signed before the Sept. 10 opener against Tennessee. Keisel was to have made $3.25 million in the final year of his contract this season.

Terms of a deal that runs through the 2013 season, when Keisel turns 35, were not immediately available.

While Keisel doesn't accumulate a lot of sacks in the Steelers' 3-4 system — he had one last season and has 11 1/2 in his six-season career — he is considered to be a key to what statistically was the NFL's top defense the last two seasons.

Keisel

"It is no secret he is our kind of guy," coach Mike Tomlin said Monday of Keisel, a seventh-round draft pick in 2002. "He is always prepared and he is a great teammate."

Keisel's first career postseason fumble recovery came on Arizona's final offensive play of the Steelers' 27-23 victory in the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

"He is ridiculously competitive," Tomlin said. "He has a mean

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EF boys hope to build on close call

Warriors lost two key games late last season to barely miss the playoffs.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

No one has to remind Elizabeth Forward boys' soccer coach Dave King that his team lost two of its last three contests last season to miss the playoffs by one game.

But if you are expecting him to frown about it, you might be waiting a while.

"Our section was the toughest in the WPIAL last year and it will be again this season," he said. "We started strong last season but we faded in the second half. Injuries and a little overconfidence in the second half of the season kept us from the playoffs."

Six starters return after feeling the sting of being on the outside of the playoffs looking in. They have combined to earn 14 letters during their careers.

The veteran group consists of last year's section scoring leader forward Cam Easler, defender Nick Kalpakis, goal keeper Dan Stitt, midfielders Deren Breitinger, John Turek and Justin Delmaster.

Delmaster is a junior and the others all seniors.

Kalpakis and Stitt are the team captains.

Junior forward Tyler Abels was a key reserve last year and tallied nine goals. King is expecting good things from the new starter.

"He played well last year and has really improved his skill level from last year," King said. "He is one of the fastest players I have had and has a good shot."

Defense is where King is concerned after losing three seniors.

"Dan and Nick will have to lead us," King said. "Dan could be the best goalie in the section while Nick adds stability, toughness, and speed in the back."

The other three defensive positions will be filled by four seniors: Ryan Bacci, Kevin Mueller, Zach Owoc, and Bryan Tomko.

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> Dave King

King says that the playoffs are once again the goal.

"I know that the three teams from our section that make playoffs will be battle tested and ready for the tough games the playoffs bring," he said. "We are training hard to try and secure a spot in the top three this year."

SPORTS

Venus escapes first-round shock

Third seed takes nearly three hourse to defeat Russian opponent.

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Venus Williams enjoyed a "New York Moment" at the U.S. Open. She probably never guessed she'd need one to pull her through the first round.

Dealing with a balky left knee and an opponent who didn't buy into the usual opening-night script, Williams needed 2 hours, 43 minutes to defeat Vera Dushevina of Russia.

The third-seeded Williams, who has never been ousted from the Open before the fourth round, trailed by a set and a break in the second before rallying for a 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-3 victory Monday.

She didn't want to talk much about the knee, which brought on a 9-minute injury timeout during the first set, but instead preferred to talk about the crowd — especially the reaction when she was down 5-4 in the second, serving to stay in the match.

"One of those great New York moments," she called it.

Andy Roddick followed her onto the court. His match began at 11:08 p.m., and with blood dripping from a cut on his right ear, he made quick work of Germany's Bjorn Phau, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

He was still doing interviews at 1:15 a.m. The main topic: late matches at the U.S. Open.

"It's all part of it," he said. "Kind of the crazies that stay 'til 1 in the morning — there's something fun about that."

Buoyed — maybe saved — by that crowd, Williams was the only top contender to face serious trouble on a day that basically went to form.

Top-seeded Roger Federer began the quest for his sixth straight championship and third Grand Slam title of 2009 with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 victory over NCAA champion Devin Britton.

"My goal was to not get crushed," Britton conceded, "and make it interesting for a little while."

He was up a break in both the second and third sets, but couldn't capitalize against the world's top player.

Alexa Glatch found herself in essentially the same boat against Serena Williams, pushing the No. 2 seed in the first set before falling quickly in the second of a 6-4, 6-1 loss.

Kim Clijsters was the other headliner on Day 1. The 2005 U.S. Open champion, now with a 1-year-old daughter, returned to Grand Slam tennis after a 2 1/2-year layoff with an impressive 6-1, 6-1 victory over Viktoriya Kutuzova.

"Now it's a matter of trying to keep this going," Clijsters said.

Other winners included John Isner, the 6-foot-9 American who knocked off No. 28-seeded Victor Hanescu of Romania in straight sets, including a 16-14 tiebreaker in the second; No. 21 James Blake; and French Open runner-up Robin Soderling.

Two-time major champion Amelie Mauresmo won easily, as did No. 7 Vera Zvonareva, No. 8 Victoria Azarenka, No. 10 Flavia Pennetta, No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 14 Marion Bartoli, who plays Clijsters next.

Among those playing first-round matches today are top-seeded Dinara Safina and 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic on the women's side, along with second-seeded Andy Murray, fourth-seeded Novak Djokovic and America's next possible breakout star, Sam Querrey, on the men's side.

Roddick's match was played in front of a half-empty crowd thanks in part to a late start after an hourlong opening ceremony that featured Andre Agassi.

Roddick wasn't complaining, but did say he wouldn't mind seeing the women take the late slot sometime in the future.

Hours earlier, Williams was in trouble from the start. Down a break at 2-1, she took an injury timeout to get her left knee worked on and taped up, though that didn't cure the problems with her serve.

She finished with 10 double faults and seven foot faults. Ahead 5-3 in the first-set tiebreaker, she hit a great serve but got hit with a foot fault. After a brief discussion with the line judge — "Which foot, the front one or the back one?" — she stepped up and served the next ball into the net.

She fell behind 6-5 and Dushevina answered Williams' angle volley with a running, crosscourt backhand for the winner and the set..

It stayed uncomfortable for Venus through most of the second, as well.

"I had 5-4 in the second set and it was maybe little chance," Dushevina said. "It was love-15, but the next few points, she played so great."

Venus Williams

The third set wasn't a breeze, but went more to form, with Williams getting an early break and hanging on.

Opener (FROM PAGE ONE)

"We're not about statistics on offense," Arians said. "It's all about the scoreboard. We don't need to be No. 1."

Their schedule was exceedingly tough, resulting in a number of close, low-scoring games that were largely controlled by defenses. Still, the Steelers won 15 of 19 games, counting the postseason — six times after Roethlisberger led fourth-quarter comebacks.

There is one statistic where Roethlisberger is No. 1: times sacked. He's been dropped 192 times in five seasons, the kind of punishment-absorbing pace that can prematurely end a career. Only two other QBs during that span, Marc Bulger and David Carr, have been sacked more than 140 times.

The frequent sacks are one reason the Steelers may use a no-huddle offense even more than in the past, partly to alleviate the heavy pressure Roethlisberger often sees.

"The no-huddle has had a lot of success for us and ... we want to continue to grow," Arians said.

Roethlisberger's excellent August has eased any doubts the Steelers might have had that he would be distracted by the Nevada civil suit accusing him of sexual assault. Even if Batch knew he wouldn't.

"I knew he'd come in here full speed ahead," he said.

Roethlisberger hasn't hinted at what kind of season he expects, but he wants this to be the year the Steelers are known for having more than the NFL's No. 1 defense.

"We need to improve as a total offense. We're setting our goals high," he said. "We need to be better. We just can't rely on our defense to win every game for us."

Keisel (FROM PAGE ONE)

streak, if you will, something that's necessary, that comes with playing the position he plays. He takes a great deal of pride in his work. He doesn't care who gets the credit. A lot of times, particularly when you play defensive end in our scheme, you know it's a lot of dirty work: occupying blocks, creating opportunities for others such as James Harrison and LaMarr Woodley, who benefit greatly from the work of our ends."

The other Steelers defensive end, Aaron Smith, is signed through the 2011, which means first-round draft pick Ziggy Hood might not move into the starting lineup for a couple of seasons, unless there is an injury. Hood, from Missouri, has had a strong first training camp.

"That (speculation) could go on endlessly," Tomlin said. "Let's just see how it pans out. I hadn't begun to think about that. I'm just glad they're on our team."

The Steelers likely will play the season with six key players unsigned past 2009: running back Willie Parker, nose tackle Casey Hampton, right tackle Willie Colon, safety Ryan Clark, center Justin Hartwig and kicker Jeff Reed.

The Steelers previously signed linebacker James Harrison, guard Chris Kemoeatu, left tackle Max Starks, right guard Trai Essex, tight end Heath Miller, wide receiver Hines Ward and linebacker Keyaron Fox.

Tomlin, as expected, said the starters will play only a series or two in Thursday's preseason game at Carolina. The offensive starters played the first half of the 17-0 win over Buffalo on Saturday, while the defensive starters played one series into the third quarter.

"There's no question that their experience will be a short one," Tomlin said. "That's the nature of it. They have some teammates who are fighting to the bitter end to play well and make this team. Those guys understand that. They are sensitive to that. They're going to be supportive of those guys."

Rodriguez denies NCAA violations

\ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Rich Rodriguez gripped the podium, bowed his head, paused and appeared to fight back tears. The click-click-click of cameras was the only sound.

Instead of being peppered with quarterback questions five days days before the season opener, the Michigan coach on Monday found himself addressing allegations that the Wolverines have been violating NCAA rules relating to how much time they spend training and practicing.

He insisted, repeatedly, that college football's winningest program has followed the rules since he was put in charge 20 months ago.

Rodriguez became very emotional when he talked about the perception that he and his staff do not care about their players.

"That is disheartening," he said, then paused before looking up to finish his thought for dozens of reporters and a long line of TV cameras. "To say that is misleading, inaccurate and goes against everything that I have ever believed in coaching."

The school launched an investigation on Sunday after the Detroit Free Press published a report in which players from the 2008 and 2009 teams said the amount of time they spend on football during the season and in the offseason greatly exceeded NCAA limits. The players spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from coaches.

Big Ten compliance officials arrived on campus Sunday to assist with the investigation, according to two people at the school. One person, who spends a lot of time with the team, said the school's compliance office often makes unannounced visits to make sure the program is following the rules. Both people spoke on the condition of anonymity because the school will not publicly discuss the case until the probe is completed.

"Our office does not conduct investigations in situations such as this," the Big Ten said in a statement. "As that task is undertaken by the institution and — depending the circumstances — the NCAA. To the extent we get involved, it is purely in an advisory capacity."

Rodriguez suggested the complaints were an attempt to "tear up" the effort to rebuild a program that lost a school-record nine games last year. It was Michigan's first losing season since 1967 and its first without a bowl in 34 years.

Michigan athletic director Bill Martin announced the school investigation, saying the allegations were taken seriously. He said the school believed it has complied with NCAA rules.

Monongahela Valley Hospital
Welcomes
Christopher E. Emond M.D.

Sports Medicine Specialist Christopher E. Emond, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Dr. Emond is affiliated with The Orthopedic Group, P.C.

The Orthopedic Group is a group of orthopedic surgeons in southwestern Pennsylvania who specialize in total joint replacement, sports medicine, spine and scoliosis surgery, pain management and rehabilitation, foot and ankle surgery, general orthopedic care and fracture care.

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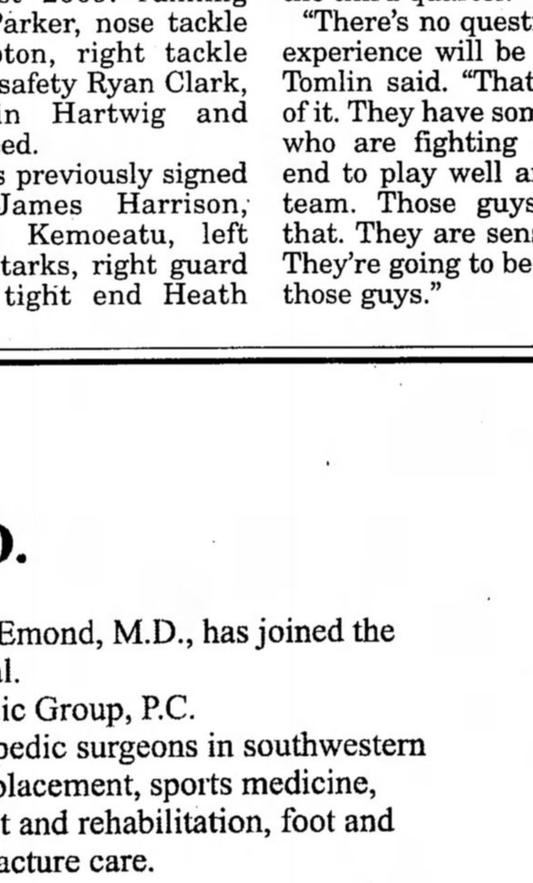

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SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold Fame ticket sites set

Tickets for the second Ringgold Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale.

Tickets cost $40 and can be purchased at DeVore's Hardware in Monongahela, the Ringgold High athletic office, Union Pharmacy and Duke's Pharmacy in Donora, the Mon Valley YMCA and each Ringgold School District building (GED, MEC, DEC and FMS).

This year's inductees include Lou "Bimbo" Cecconi, Aldo Bartolotta, Arnold Galiffa (posthumously), Dan Towler (posthumously), Rudy Andabaker, Dr. Marie L. Brown-Wagner, Judge Paul A.S. Simmons and Dr. David E. Epperson.

The banquet is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Willow Room at the Willow Pointe Plaza in Rostraver Township.

Cal U booters down Charleston

The California University men's soccer team upped its record to 3-0 with a 3-2 win at Charleston, W.Va., Monday.

Justin Taucher scored the game-winner in the 68th minute on an assist from mIke Luecke.

Luecke, who was named the PSAW West Athlete of the Week Monday, also scored a goal and assisted on Nick Helbig's goal.

The Vulcans open PSAC West play Saturday at Slippery Rock in a 3 p.m. contest.

Spadafora to fight in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former IBF lightweight champion Paul Spadafora will fight in Pittsburgh for the second time in about three months on Sept. 30.

No opponent has been named for the fight, which will headline a card at the VIP tent at Heinz Field, the home of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Spadafora scored a six-round knockout against Ivan Bustos on June 24, in what was Spadafora's first fight in 14 months.

Spadafora is from nearby McKees Rocks but is called the Pittsburgh Kid. He hadn't fought in the city since 2004 because of repeated legal problems, including a prison sentence for shooting his ex-fiance.

Spadafora's career record is 42-0-1.

Dodgers acquire Thome, Garland

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired slugging first baseman Jim Thome from the Chicago White Sox and also picked up right-hander Jon Garland, who eame over from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The deals were announced in the top of the eighth inning of the Dodgers' 5-3 loss to the Diamondbacks in 10 innings.

The White Sox get minor league infielder Justin Fuller and will send cash to the Dodgers, and the Diamondbacks will receive a player to be named for Garland.

The 39-year-old Thome is hitting .252 with 23 home runs and 74 RBI in 106 games this season. He has 564 career home runs. Garland is 8-11 with a 4.29 ERA. He gave up five hits and a walk over seven sharp innings in a 9-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

Trivia answer

Tulane and Clemson.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	75	53	.586	—
Atlanta	69	62	.527	7 1/2
Florida	68	63	.519	8 1/2
New York	59	72	.450	17 1/2
Washington	46	86	.348	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	77	55	.583	—
Chicago	65	64	.504	10 1/2
Milwaukee	64	66	.492	12
Houston	63	68	.481	13 1/2
Cincinnati	58	73	.443	18 1/2
Pittsburgh	53	77	.408	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	54	.591	—
Colorado	72	59	.550	5 1/2
San Francisco	72	59	.550	5 1/2
Arizona	60	72	.455	18
San Diego	57	76	.429	21 1/2

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3, 1st game
Atlanta 5, Florida 2
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 3
San Diego 3, Washington 1
Arizona 5, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings

Today's Games

San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-10) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Hudson 0-0) at Florida (A.Sanchez 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 3-6) at Cincinnati (Lehr 3-1), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Moehler 8-9) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Looper 11-6) at St. Louis (Pineiro 13-9), 8:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 9-9) at Colorado (De.La Rosa 12-9), 8:40 p.m.
Washington (J.Martin 3-3) at San Diego (Richard 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Y.Petit 3-8) at L.A. Dodgers (V.Padilla 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	48	.634	—
Boston	76	54	.585	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	71	59	.546	11 1/2
Toronto	59	70	.457	23
Baltimore	54	78	.409	29 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	69	61	.531	—
Minnesota	66	65	.504	3 1/2
Chicago	64	68	.485	6
Cleveland	58	72	.446	11
Kansas City	50	81	.382	19 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	52	.600	—
Texas	72	58	.554	6
Seattle	68	64	.515	11
Oakland	58	73	.443	20 1/2

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay 11, Detroit 7
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 1
Toronto 18, Texas 10
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 8, Kansas City 5
L.A. Angels 10, Seattle 0

Today's Games

Toronto (Rzepczynski 2-3) at Texas (Nippert 4-2), 5:05 p.m., 1st game
Cleveland (Carrasco 0-0) at Detroit (E.Jackson 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 10-8) at Baltimore (Da.Hernandez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 6-7), 7:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-8) at Minnesota (Manship 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Tallet 5-8) at Texas (McCarthy 5-2), 8:35 p.m., 2nd game
Kansas City (Davies 5-9) at Oakland (Ed.Gonzalez 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-7) at Seattle (Fister 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

Frontier League standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kalamazoo	55	35	.611	—
Lake Erie	52	37	.584	2 1/2
Florence	47	43	.522	8
Traverse City	41	49	.456	14
Washington	40	50	.444	15
Midwest	39	52	.429	16 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Southern Illinois	53	37	.589	—
Windy City	53	37	.589	—
River City	51	37	.580	1
Rockford	42	46	.488	10
Gateway	37	53	.411	17
Evansville	28	62	.311	25

Monday's Game

Midwest 5, Traverse City 2

Today's Games

Midwest at Traverse City
Kalamazoo at Washington
Lake Erie at Florence
Evansville at River City
Rockford at Gateway
Windy City at Southern Illinois

Wednesday's Games

Midwest at Traverse City
Kalamazoo at Washington
Lake Erie at Florence
Evansville at River City
Rockford at Gateway
Windy City at Southern Illinois

WNBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	15	14	.517	5 1/2
Washington	14	15	.483	6 1/2
Chicago	14	16	.467	7
Connecticut	14	16	.467	7
Detroit	13	15	.464	7
New York	12	17	.414	8 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

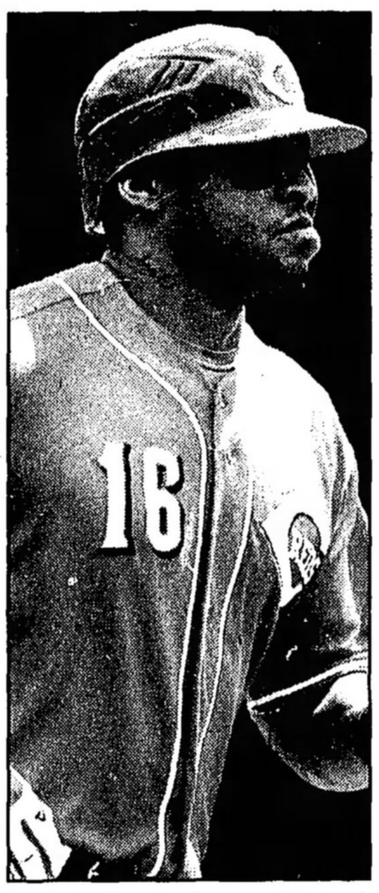
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	20	9	.690	—
Seattle	18	11	.621	2
Los Angeles	15	14	.517	5
Minnesota	12	17	.414	8
San Antonio	12	17	.414	8
Sacramento	10	20	.333	10 1/2

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Seattle at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Connecticut at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.



Darnell McDonald and the Cincinnati Reds will host the Pirates at 7:10 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Sports dial

Today

Television

1 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
7:10 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, baseball.
8:05 p.m. - WGN - Houston at Chicago Cubs, baseball.

Radio

7:05 p.m - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Kalamazoo at Washington Wild Things, baseball.
7:10 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, baseball.

Latest Line

BEST BET: Washington is 21-43 its last 64 games vs. a National League West opponent. The Nationals are also just 29-78 the last 107 games as a road underdog and 24-60 in their last 84 during game 2 of a series. San Diego is 4-1 its last 5 games as the betting favorite and a solid 23-8 the last 31 home games in this series. Take San Diego over Washington for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Thursday, Sept 3 Preseason Week Four		
BUFFALO	2 (36)	Detroit
NY JETS	3 (38)	Philadelphia
NY Giants	2 1/2 (36)	N. England
J'VILLE	5 1/2 (35)	Washington
ATLANTA	3 (35)	Baltimore
CINCINNATI	4 1/2 (36)	Indianapolis
CAROLINA	3 1/2 (34)	Pittsburgh
CHICAGO	3 (37)	Cleveland
N. ORLEANS	3 1/2 (38)	Miami
TENNESSEE	3 1/2 (37)	Green Bay
ST. LOUIS	3 (36)	Kansas City
DENVER	OFF (XX)	Arizona
SEATTLE	3 1/2 (37)	Oakland
Friday, Sept 4		
TAMPA BAY	NL (XX)	Houston
MINNESOTA	NL (XX)	Dallas
SAN DIEGO	4 (38)	San Fran.

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Thursday, Sept 3		
NC ST	4 1/2 (46)	S. Carolina
UTAH	20 (52)	Utah State
BOISE STATE	4 (64)	Oregon
Troy	7 (56)	B. GREEN
BALL STATE	16 (59)	North Texas
Friday, Sept 4		
Tulsa	13 1/2(64)	TULANE
Saturday, Sept 5		
OHIO STATE	21	Navy
PENN STATE	27 1/2	Akron
MICHIGAN	13	W. Michigan
Connecticut	4	OHIO
NOTRE DAME	15	Nevada
OKLA. STATE	5 1/2	Georgia
a-Kentucky	15	Miami-Ohio
b-Oklahoma	21 1/2	Byu
c-Illinois	7	Missouri
ALA-BIRM.	5 1/2	Rice
WAKE FOREST	2	Baylor
Minnesota	7	SYRACUSE
E. MICHIGAN	4 1/2	Army
WISCONSIN	16 1/2	N. Illinois
PURDUE	11	Toledo
Stanford	16 1/2	WASH. ST
AUBURN	13	Louisiana Tech
TEXAS A&M	14	New Mexico
d-Alabama	7	Virginia Tech
NEW MEX. ST	3	Idaho
TEX. EL PASO	8	Buffalo
CALIFORNIA	21 1/2	Maryland
SO. CAL	34	San Jose St
ARIZONA	14	Central Michigan
UCLA	19	San Diego St
Lsu	17 1/2	WASHINGTON
NEBRASKA	22 1/2	Florida Atlantic
CLEMSON	19 1/2	Middle Tenn St
TEXAS	41	La-Monroe
TENNESSEE	29 1/2	W. Kentucky
Sunday, Sept 6		
Mississippi	17	MEMPHIS
COLORADO	11	Colorado St
Monday, Sept 7		
RUTGERS	5 1/2	Cincinnati
FLORIDA ST	5 1/2	Miami-Florida

a-at Cincinnati, OH.
b-at Arlington, TX.
c-at St. Louis, MO.
d-at Georgia Dome

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
National League		
PHILA	9-10	San Francisco
Atlanta	Even-6	FLORIDA
CINCINNATI	Even-6	Pittsburgh
CHICAGO	7 1/2-8 1/2	Houston
ST. LOUIS	8 1/2-9 1/2	Milwaukee
COLORADO	11-12	NY Mets
SAN DIEGO	6 1/2-7 1/2	Wash.
LA DODGERS	8-9	Arizona
American League		
TEXAS (1)	6-7	Toronto
TEXAS (2)	7-8	Toronto
DETROIT	9 1/2-10 1/2	Cleveland
NY Yankees	8 1/2-9 1/2	BALT.
Boston	7 1/2-8 1/2	TAMPA BAY
Chi White Sox	6-7	MINNESOTA
OAKLAND	5 1/2-6 1/2	Kan. City
LA Angels	6-7	SEATTLE

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NFL pre-season

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	49	32
New England	2	1	0	.667	60	56
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	70	72
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	66	89

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	75	91
Houston	1	2	0	.500	40	65
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	42	46
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	65	68

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	64	36
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	50	44
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	50	27
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	35	47

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	58	76
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	55	53
Denver	0	3	0	.000	46	71
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	33	47

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	53	61
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	52	61
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	73	82
Washington	1	2	0	.333	41	63

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	100	28
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	73	64
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	50	60
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	47	68

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	92	58
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	47	26
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	64	47
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	55	70

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	58	49
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	61	37
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	60	61
Arizona	0	3	0	.000	53	81

Monday's Game

Minnesota 17, Houston 10

Thursday, Sept. 3

Detroit at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 8 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 4

Houston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Pirates boxscores

Game 1

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi
McCtch cf	4	0	0	0	Stubbs cf	4	2	2	1
DlwYn 2b	4	0	0	0	Sutton 2b	3	1	1	1
GJones 1b	3	0	0	0	BPhilps 2b	1	0	0	0
AnLRc 3b	3	0	0	0	Votto 1b	4	0	0	0
Moss rf	4	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	0	1	1
Milledg lf	2	1	0	0	Gomes rf	4	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	2	2	2	0	Masset p	0	0	0	0
Jarmll c	4	0	2	2	Balentn lf	4	0	1	0
McCtch p	2	0	1	1	ARosls ss	2	0	0	0
RVazqz ph	1	0	0	0	Rhodes p	0	0	0	0
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	DMcDn rf	1	1	1	0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	Tatum c	3	0	1	0
					K.Wells p	2	0	0	0
					Fisher p	0	0	0	0
					Janish ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	5	3	Totals	33	4	7	3

Pittsburgh	020	000	100 — 3
Cincinnati	102	000	001 — 4

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 6. 3B—Cedeno (1). HR—Stubbs (2). SB—G.Jones (9), Stubbs (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
McCutchen	6	5	3	3	2	5
Hanrahan	2	0	0	0	1	4
J.Chavez L,0-4	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Cincinnati						
K.Wells	6	2	2	2	4	2
Fisher BS,1-1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Rhodes	1	0	0	0	1	2
Masset W,5-1	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by K.Wells (Cedeno). WP—Hanrahan, J.Chavez.
Umpires—Home, Sam Holbrook; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Angel Campos; Third, Larry Vanover.
T—2:48. A—13,051 (42,319).

Game 2

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi
McCtch cf	4	1	1	1	Stubbs cf	5	2	2	2
DlwYn 2b	4	0	0	0	Janish ss	4	1	2	1
GJones rf	4	0	1	0	Votto 1b	5	0	0	0
Doumit c	4	1	1	0	BPhilps 2b	4	2	3	2
Pearce 1b	4	1	1	1	Rolen 3b	4	0	2	0
Moss lf	3	0	1	0	Gomes rf	2	0	1	1
Cedeno ss	4	0	1	1	Masset p	0	0	0	0
RVazqz 3b	3	0	1	0	Barker ph	1	0	1	0
DBatst p	0	0	0	0	Rhodes p	0	0	0	0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	Corder p	0	0	0	0
SJcksn p	0	0	0	0	DMcDn lf	4	0	1	0
Milledg ph	1	0	1	0	CMiller c	2	0	0	0
Mahlm p	2	0	0	0	Cueto p	2	0	0	0
AnLRc 3b	2	0	0	0	Herrer p	0	0	0	0
					Balentn rf	1	1	1	0
Totals	35	3	8	3	Totals	34	6	13	6

Pittsburgh	000	003	000 — 3
Cincinnati	301	000	02x — 6

DP—Pittsburgh 3. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 9. 2B—G.Jones (14), Pearce (11), Janish (10), Gomes (10), Barker (1), D.McDonald (2), Balentien (4). HR—McCutchen (11), Stubbs (3), B.Phillips (18). SB—B.Phillips (22), Gomes (2). CS—Balentien (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Maholm L,7-8	5	9	4	4	3	4
D.Bautista	2	2	0	0	1	4
J.Chavez	1-3	2	2	2	1	1
S.Jackson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Cueto W,9-10	5	3	1	1	1	5
Herrera H,7	2-3	4	2	2	0	0
Masset H,10	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Rhodes H,20	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cordero S,29-31	1	1	0	0	0	1

Cueto pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
Umpires—Home, Rick Reed; First, Angel Campos; Second, Larry Vanover; Third, Dan Iassogna.
T—3:05. A—9,087 (42,319).

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Extended the contract of general manager Dayton Moore through the 2014 season.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Acquired OF Freddy Guzman from Baltimore for a player to be named or cash and assigned him to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed RHP Chad Qualls on 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Billy Buckner from Reno (PCL).

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated RHP Johnny Cueto from the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Kevin Barker and RHP Ramon Ramirez from Louisville (IL). Placed OF Laynce Nix on the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Matt Maloney to Carolina (SL) and RHP Carlos Fisher to Sarasota (FSL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Guillermo Mota on 15-day DL.

NEW YORK METS—Recalled C Josh Thole from Binghamton (EL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Purchased the contract of RHP John Ennis from Lehigh Valley (IL). Designated INF Brad Harman for assignment.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Purchased the contract of RHP Daniel McCutchen from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned INF Brian Bixler to Indianapolis. Designated RHP John Meloan for assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed RHP Brad Penny to a minor-league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released S Keith Lewis and OT Brandon Pearce. Waived WR Michael Ray Garvin and LB Pago Togafau. Placed LB Cody Brown on injured reserve.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed CB Samari Rolle on the physically-unable-to-perform list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released PR Ryne Robinson. Waived DT Lorenzo Williams and T Gerald Cadogan. Placed G C.J. Davis on injured reserve.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released DB Rod Hood and TE Nate Jackson. Waived LB Robert McCune. Signed OL Brandon Braxton.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed TE Ben Utecht on injured reserve. Waived TE Matt Sherry.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released T Andre Douglas.

DETROIT LIONS—Released WR Delmir Boldin, LB Robert Francois, S LaMarcus Hicks and DE Ryan Kees. Placed CB Dexter Wynn on injured reserve.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed DB Michael Coe, DE Rudolph Hardie and DE Curtis Johnson on the waived-injured list. Waived TE Colin Cloherty.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Fired offensive coordinator Chan Gailey and announced coach Todd Haley will assume the role.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Announced the retirement of LB Tedy Bruschi. Released QB Kevin O'Connell and C Nathan Hodel.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Activated LB Michael Boley from the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released CB Stoney Woodson, WR Taye Biddle and OL Terrance Pennington.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released OL Jonathan Compass, OL Marcus Johnson, WR Shawn Bayes, WR Will Franklin and DT Joe Cohen.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed DE Brett Keisel to a five-year contract. Placed G Darnell Stapleton on injured reserve. Released WR Martin Nance, WR Steven Black, S Derrick Richardson and C Alex Stepanovich.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Acquired DT Travis Johnson from Houston for an undisclosed 2010 draft pick. Signed WR Demetrius Byrd to a four-year contract. Released WR Greg Carr, WR Rodgeriqus Smith and OT Dan Gay.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released WR Dexter Jackson.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION—Announced Paul Kelly has been voted out as executive director.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Acquired C Rob Hennigar from the N.Y. Islanders for C Bobby Hughes.

COLLEGE

ALBANY, N.Y.—Named Erik DiLorenzo and Geneva Sills assistant soccer coaches.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC—Named Jared Smith assistant director of media relations and web development.

GREENSBORO—Named Bob Lowe assistant athletics director for communications.

MASSACHUSETTS—Named David Jackson assistant track and field coach.

OKLAHOMA—Named Michael Lightner assistant wrestling coach. Announced the resignation of assistant wrestling coach Alex Clemsen to become assistant wrestling coach at Virginia.

PLATTSBURGH—Named Stephanie Zweig interim softball coach.

UNC—WILMINGTON—Suspended men's soccer F Devan Carroll for the 2009-10 season for violating team rules.

WEST CHESTER—Named Doug Hendricks women's golf coach.

Area golf

At Carmichaels Golf Club

Charleroi - 216

Martin Maytas, 39; Brandon Konek, 41; Eric Anderson, 42; Drek Sergi, 46; Josh Mathers, 48. Non-count: Kirk Melenyzer, 57.

Beth-Center - 232

Alex Antonio, 39; Austin Smith, 42; Tyler Sabatula, 45; Brock Hartley, 49; Matt Sabatini, 57.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
New England	9	6	6	33	26	26
D.C.	7	5	11	32	35	34
Toronto FC	8	8	7	31	30	33
Kansas City	5	10	6	21	20	29
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Seattle	8	6	10	34	29	23
Colorado	9	7	6	33	35	27
Real SaltLake	9	9	6	33	35	27
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	31	35
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Saturday's Games

Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Colorado, 10 p.m.

Small crowds watch Reds sweep Pirates

Doubleheader sets ball park record for low attendance.

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Shhh!

Hardly anyone showed up to see Cincinnati pull off its first doubleheader sweep in 10 years. The two smallest crowds in Great American Ball Park's history saw the Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 and 6-3 on Monday in games played with tennis-match silence much of the time.

Brandon Phillips hit a homer and had another overturned after a review in the second game, which drew the smallest gate in the ballpark's seven-year history. Only 9,087 tickets were sold for the game.

The opener was far, far worse.

Fewer than 2,000 fans showed up for the start of the day-night doubleheader, turning the ballpark into a red-seat echo chamber. Fans could hear the players' banter. Players could hear the fans' chatter. It didn't take long to take a head count.

"I felt like I was back in the Florida State League," said rookie Drew Stubbs, who led off the Reds' first inning with a homer and added a two-run shot in the second game. "I could hear (announcer) Jeff Brantley's voice from out on the concourse and the cars on the highway outside."

Foul balls clattered around the 42,000-seat ballpark. There wasn't much competition for the T-shirts shot into the stands between innings.

"You could hear everything," Reds manager Dusty Baker said. "I saw one guy who was missing a finger catch a foul ball, and I could hear him say, 'That hurt like hell,' but he caught it. That's one of those days where everyone could get a foul ball and a T-shirt."

The opener ended when Darnell McDonald scored on a wild pitch by Jesse Chavez (0-4) with two outs in the ninth. Nick Masset (5-1) got the victory with one inning in relief on an eerie afternoon.

Associated Press

Andrew McCutchen rounds the bases after Monday's home run off Jusnny Cueto.

The game originally was rained out on April 10, after the Reds had already sold 13,051 tickets. A lot of bad things have happened to both teams since.

The Pirates went on yet another trading spree, getting rid of most of their starters. Only Ryan Doumit and Andy LaRoche are left from the lineup that manager John Russell wrote out on that rainy April 10 night.

For the Reds, it's been about injuries. Every starter from that game has been sidelined at some point in the season — 19 players overall have gone on the disabled list. Joey Votto was the only mainstay left in the lineup from April.

The mood matched the misery.

When Pirates starter Daniel McCutchen — called up before the game and given No. 62 — threw a 92 mph fastball for his first pitch in the majors, a fan behind the Pirates dugout yelled: "There you go!" The next pitch was gone, a homer by Stubbs into the lower deck in left. Two fans gave chase as the ball bounced up the empty concrete aisle.

After the fourth inning, the video board showed one fan surrounded by empty seats while Eric Carmen's "All By Myself" played over the speaker system, drawing laughs from other fans who knew the feeling.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

In high school football openers , Monessen lost to Mt. Lebanon, 49-6; Ringgold bowed to Trinity, 13-6; Belle Vernon Area was a 17-10 loser to Baldwin; Mon Valley Catholic downed Bentworth, 30-7 and California and McGuffey played to a 7-7 tie.

20 Years Ago

Legion Field was renamed the James K. Russell Field in honor of the long-time Donora High football coach.

Freshman Alex Van Pelt was named Pitt's starting quarterback.

10 Years Ago

The area's two new high school football coaches were George Overton at Bentworth and Keith Reidmiller at Yough.

After blowing two leads, the Pittsburgh Pirates beat Colorado, 9-8, in 10 innings. Mike Benjamin singled in the winning run and threw out the potential tying run at the plate to end it.

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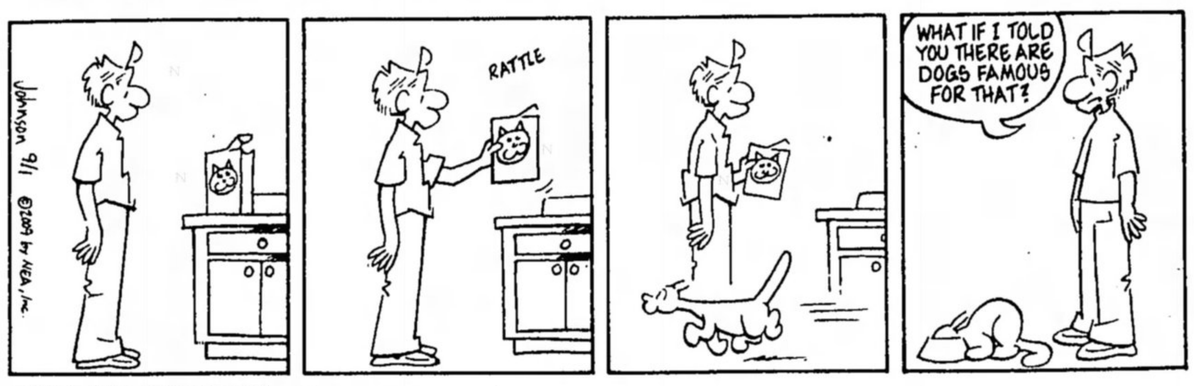

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I'M NOT GOING! I'M HIDING UNDER MY BED..
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I SUPPOSE, IF I EVER HAD A GOOD REASON
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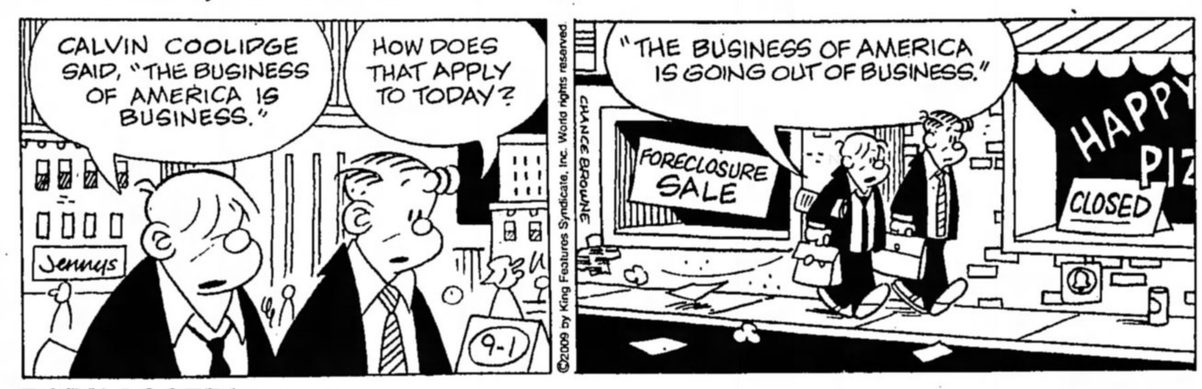
CALVIN COOLIDGE SAID, "THE BUSINESS OF AMERICA IS BUSINESS."
HOW DOES THAT APPLY TO TODAY?
Jennys
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"THE BUSINESS OF AMERICA IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS."
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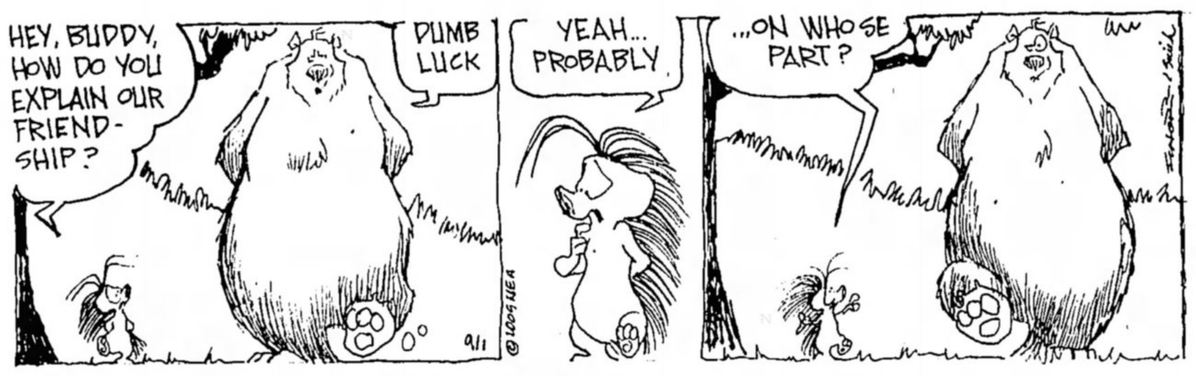

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ISN'T IN THE MOOD?!
THAT'S THE WAY I HEARD IT
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I HEAR YOU AREN'T IN THE MOOD TO GO OVER ANY PROPOSALS TODAY!!
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WHAT'S THAT HANGIN' OFF YOUR NECK?
MY BLUE RIBBON I WON...
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WHAT'D YA WIN THAT FOR?
FIRST PLACE IN THE BOY'S CLUB TALENT CONTEST...
I DIDN'T KNOW BURPING AND FOOFING WERE BLUE RIBBON EVENTS....
SHOWS WHAT YOU KNOW... THERE WAS NO FOOFING...

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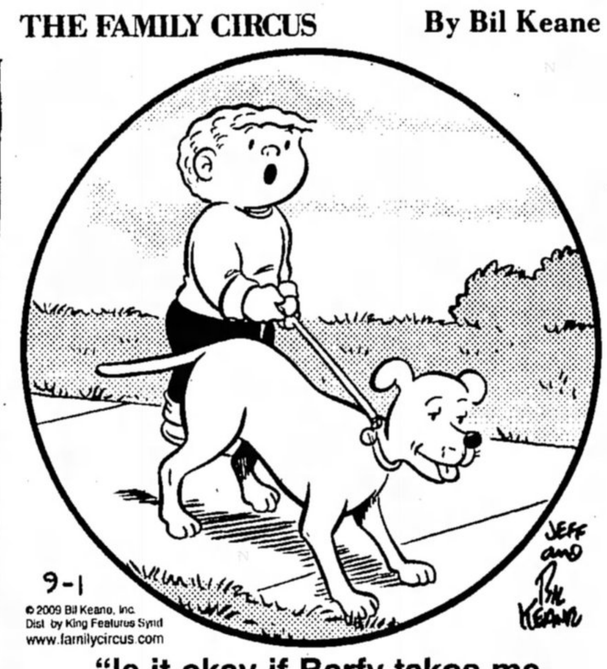

"Is it okay if Barfy takes me for a walk now?"

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE BACK IN SCHOOL AND IT'S NOT EVEN LABOR DAY YET! WHAT AN OUTRAGE!
WELL, LABOR DAY'S LATE THIS YEAR.
THEN SCHOOL SHOULD START LATE! IF LABOR DAY COMES LATE, THEN THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SHOULD START THE SCHOOL YEAR LATE!
RRRIINNG!
TOO LATE.
SIT DOWN AND BE QUIET.
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

JACK ELROD
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN US, BOB, JUST LET US KNOW, WE CAN GET SOMEONE ELSE!
LET ME TALK TO MARY, I'LL LET YOU KNOW TOMORROW...
MAYBE SHE WILL UNDERSTAND!
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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

				4		6	5	
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	7	5		6				

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	8	7	4	2	9	6	5
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8	9	7	2	6	1	4	5	3
6	3	2	5	8	4	1	9	7
2	6	4	8	3	5	7	1	9
5	8	3	1	9	7	6	4	2
9	7	1	4	2	6	5	3	8

Difficulty Level ★ 9/01

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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Utility bill abbr.
4 Salt meas.
7 Victuals
11 Dried clover
12 Fuel cartel
14 Solemn promise
15 Mont Blanc
16 Roast pig repast
17 Ristorante order
18 Had occasion for
20 Belgian sleuth
22 Fabric meas.
23 Bravo, in Spain
24 Walk-on
27 Frightens
30 Not wasted
31 — Zeppelin
32 Kind of system
34 Checkers piece
35 747s
36 Nurture
37 Iris centers
39 — voce (softly)
40 Turkish title
41 VII doubled
42 Roomiest
45 Temp's employer
49 Big continent
50 Rainfall measure
52 Want-ad letters
53 "Jurassic Park" costar
54 Memorandum
55 Spooky, maybe
56 Cartoon shrieks
57 Dowel
58 Teachers' org.

DOWN

1 Kublai —
2 Hull plank
3 Ad spiel
4 El Greco's city
5 Baked goodies
6 Legume
7 Snugger
8 Bristle
9 Comic-strip dog
10 Scintilla
13 Domes
19 Changed color
21 Norse king
24 Magna — laude
25 Right now!
26 Waiter's offering
27 The A in BA
28 Intersect
29 Word to a feline
31 Mold contents
33 El Dorado loot
35 Fishing lures
36 Roam about
38 Joyous outbursts
39 Sounded bored
41 Hobby knife (nyph.)
42 Cross the creek
43 Got it! (2 wds.)
44 Quaint weapon
46 Las Vegas gas
47 Yield territory
48 Jedi knight trainer
51 Postal Creed word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	C	S			T	O	D	O		H	U	E
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TV & ENTERTAINMENT

Patience stretched thin in doctors' waiting rooms

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Sick of Waiting in Denver" (June 25) will help a number of our patients.

Physicians don't want frustrated and angry patients, and we don't plan our day expecting long waits. Your suggestion that when a doctor is running more than 15 minutes late, the next person should be warned is appropriate.

Your other suggestion to call the doctor's office an hour ahead of time to see if he/she is on schedule might not work. The physician might be on schedule, but a problem could arise that throws him/her off.

Arriving at the office and finding the doctor horribly backed up after hearing that he was on schedule at the time of the phone call would be upsetting.

Unfortunately, I haven't found an easy solution to this in my 25 years of practice. It does help to focus on good manners and empathy, and to alert patients at the time of check-in if there's a problem, which allows them to return or reschedule.

Of course, the physician conveying personally to his patients that their time is as important as his also goes a long way. — **MARC SCHNEIDERMAN, M.D., PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR DR. SCHNEIDERMAN: Amen to that, and thank you for saying so. Read on for some of the comments I received from patients:

DEAR ABBY: I find it interesting that the doctor's rights are prominently posted in the waiting room, e.g., co-pays are due before you see the doctor, if you don't cancel your appointment 24 hours in advance and you fail to show up, you will be billed for the appointment. But nowhere do you see the patients' rights posted.

As a patient I insist on one simple right — that the doctor see me within 15 minutes of the appointed time made by his/her staff. Last year I fired two doctors for keeping me waiting. In both cases I let the doctor know I would no longer be seeing them and why. One had the gall to tell me his patients EXPECTED to wait for him!

As patients, we enable doctors to get away with unprofessional behavior by not insisting on accountability. I am a professional, and time spent in a doctor's office is time taken away from my clients. My time is as valuable to me as the doctors' time is to them. — **LARRY W., SUN CITY, ARIZ.**

DEAR ABBY: I suggest that whenever possible, patients should request the first appointment in the morning or after lunch. The chances of being seen on time are greater at those times. — **MAGGIE B., DANA POINT, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an appointment with a physician who kept him waiting an hour in the waiting room and nearly another hour in the examination room.

When the doctor finally appeared, my husband complained about the long wait.

"I'm a doctor and I can't be rushed," he responded. "If I make a mistake, someone could DIE."

My husband, without missing a beat said, "Really? Well, I'm an architect. If I make a mistake, THOUSANDS could die. I guess I win."

With that, he got dressed and walked out. Needless to say, we never returned to that doctor.

I disagree that it is the patient's job to make sure the doctor isn't running late. His office staff can easily inform people of that fact when they walk in, giving them the option of waiting if they wish (or can). — **NO LONGER WAITING, HARMONY, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional. My hourly fees are similar to those of doctors.

My policy is any waiting time after 30 minutes, I bill the doctor for my time. — **PATRICK IN SAN ANSELMO**

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TUESDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	NCIS "Legend" The murder of a Marine brings McGee and Gibbs to Los Angeles. (Part 1 of 2)		(:01) Big Brother 11 The veto competition. (N)		NCIS "Legend" Tony questions Ziva's loyalty to NCIS; Special Agent Callen goes under cover. (Part 2 of 2)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman The Black Crowes. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Quentin Tarantino; Jason Ritter. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (N) (7) (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) Stop debt struggles now! (7) Up-Minute (10) Paid Prog.	(2) (:37) Paid Program (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 6 (23) Insider	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy!	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Crash Course Five teams tackle an extreme driving course.		Shaq Vs. "Shaq vs. Albert Pujols" Shaq challenges Albert Pujols to a home-run derby. (N)		(:01) Primetime: The Outsiders The latest on a retired schoolteacher who lives with bears. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kyra Sedgwick; Datarock. (N)	Kimmel Live Patton Oswalt;	(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:35) Paid Program	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) Jerry Springer	(4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Ashlee Simpson-Wentz. (9) (11) Jeopardy!	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Big Splash"	America's Got Talent The top 20 is announced; Reba McEntire performs.		America's Got Talent First 10 acts from the top 20 perform. (Live)				(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Elijah Wood; Mila Kunis. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Joan Allen; Rob Zombie; Michael Franti. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Nick DeAvila.	(:05) Poker After Dark Barry Greenstein; Jason Alexander; Phil Gordon; Orel Hershiser; Don Cheadle; Gavin Smith.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show (53) Frasier	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	Hell's Kitchen The chefs compete in a blind taste-test challenge. (N) (PA)		More to Love Luke spends quality time with the remaining women. (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond	(8) (:05) Seinfeld (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Frasier (53) Scrubs	(8) "Hitchhiker's Guide-Galaxy" (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid Program	(53) Paid Program	(53) Secrets to Looking Young	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog. (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Nova "Is There Life on Mars?" (DVS)		Nova scienceNOW (Season Finale) (N) (DVS)		P.O.V. "Ella es el Matador (She Is the Matador)" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	Nova scienceNOW (Season Finale) (DVS)		Nova "Is There Life on Mars?" (DVS)	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	90210 "Zero Tolerance"		90210 "One Party Can Ruin Your Whole Summer"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Street Patrol	Street Patrol	Jail	Jail	TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law Order: CI		Work Home	Look Thin	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "Answers"		Travel Road	Master	Joel Osteen	Joni, Frnds	Discovery	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		Master	Focus 4		Gaither Homecoming Hour	
(59) WBGN	Crosswords	RENO 911!	Style by Jury	Paid Prog.	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		The First 48 "Killing Spree"		The First 48 (N)		The Cleaner (N)		The Cleaner		The First 48 "Killing Spree"		The First 48		The Cleaner	
ABCFAM	My Wife	My Wife	'70s Show	'70s Show	10 Things	Ruby	★★★ "Matilda" (1996, Comedy) Mara Wilson.				The 700 Club		Greek "The Day After"		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Insanity	Paid Prog.
AMC	★★★ "Joe Kidd" (1972, Western) Clint Eastwood.				★★ "Last of the Dogmen" (1995, Western) Tom Berenger.					(:45) ★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty.					(:15) Mad Men "My Old Kentucky Home"			Blown Away
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky		Up Close and Dangerous		Killing for a Living		Animal Nightmares		Piranhas		Killing for a Living		Animal Nightmares		Piranhas		Up Close and Dangerous	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat (N)		Dragon's Den (N)		BBC World News America		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den		You Are What You Eat		Dragon's Den	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Hosea Sanchez.				★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994) Premiere.				Frankie	Frankie	The Wendy Williams Show		★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Action)				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out (N)		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Top Chef: Las Vegas		The Rachel Zoe Project	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Nanny 911		★★★ "Pure Country" (1992) George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren.					★★★ "Pure Country" (1992) George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren.					The Singing Bee	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports		House of Cards				Mad Money		Fast Money		American Originals: Levi's		Baby Read	Paid Prog.
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Larry, Cable		Greg Giraldo: Midlife Vices		Patton Oswalt: Weakness		South Park	South Park	The Comedy Central Roast Flavor Flav.		The Comedy Central Roast				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		The Colony (N)		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		The Colony		Investigation X	
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Beethoven's 2nd" (1993, Comedy)			Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	The Soup	Comedians	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Billionaire Crime: Murder		Kendra	Kendra	Kourtney	Kourtney	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Kourtney	Kourtney	Comedians	Kendra	Chelsea
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ESPNC	College Football		College Football 2003 Fiesta Bowl -- Miami vs. Ohio State. 2003 Fiesta Bowl.						College Football: 1979 Sugar Bowl -- Ala. vs. Penn St.				American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing: Basilio vs. Fullmer	
ESPN2	U.S. Open Scoreboard		U.S. Open Tennis Early Round. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)								Hey Rookie, NFL		SportsNation (Live)		NASCAR	2009 World Series of Poker		World Series
EWTN	Choices	Quasimodo	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Religious	Holy Rosary	Threshold of Hope		Christ in City	Priesthood	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Mother Angelica-Classic		Threshold of Hope	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge Wedding cake.		Cakes	Cakes	Unwrapped	Best Thing	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Best Thing	Chopped		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Top 50	Pregame	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Pirates Post.	Final Score	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds.				Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score
FX	"The Devil Wears Prada"		★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn.						Rescue Me "Drink"		(:02) Rescue Me "Drink"		'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Hair Club
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Lessons	Inside PGA	Approach	Top 10	Top 10 (N)	Top 10	Top 10	Lessons	Approach	Golf Central	Top 10	Top 10	Top 10	Lessons	Approach	Inside PGA
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Touched by an Angel		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers
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HIST	Hitler and the Occult		Modern Marvels		That's Impossible		The Universe (N)		How the Earth Was Made		Mega Disasters		That's Impossible		The Universe		How the Earth Was Made	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium "Pilot"		Medium		Medium		Medium "Night of the Wolf"		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Ab Secrets
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Made "Pageant Queen"		Made Hip hop dancer.		Made Loner image.		Best Dance Crew		Daddy	Jazmin	Really Going	Really Going	Really Going	Really Going	The X Effect	The X Effect	The X Effect	The X Effect
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OXY	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		★★ "The Lake House" (2006) Keanu Reeves.				Addicted to Beauty (N)		★★ "The Lake House" (2006) Keanu Reeves.				★★ "Can't Buy Me Love" (1987) Patrick Dempsey.			
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN PM - pcntv.com		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
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SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Warehouse 13 "Implosion"		Warehouse 13 "Duped"		Warehouse 13 "Regrets"		ECW (Live)		Warehouse 13 "Regrets"		Eureka		Lost "Outlaws"		The X-Files "Red Museum"	
SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Deadliest Warrior		Surviving Disaster "Hijack"		Surviving Disaster "Hijack"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly	Disorderly
TBS	Raymond	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★ "Boat Trip" (2003, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr.			
TCM	(5:45) ★★★ "Above and Beyond" (1953)				★★★ "Hangover Square" (1945)				★★★ "The Devil and Daniel Webster" (1941)			★★★★ "Citizen Kane" (1941, Drama) Orson Welles.			(:45) "The Magnificent Ambersons"			
TLC	What Not to Wear		Ultimate Cake Off "Pirates"		Jon & Kate Plus 8		18 Kids	18 Kids	Masters of Reception (N)		18 Kids	18 Kids	Masters of Reception		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Ultimate Cake Off "Pirates"	
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		HawthoRNe "Healing Time"		Saving Grace		HawthoRNe "Healing Time"		Saving Grace		Cold Case	
TOON	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Flapjack	Chowder	Total Drama	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	The Oblongs	Home	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Zimmern's Bizarre World		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre Foods-Zimmern		Zimmern's Bizarre World	
TRUTV	Cops	Cops	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock	
TVLAND	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	Roseanne "Pretty in Black"		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "Grace Period"		NCIS "Switch"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		★★ "Riding the Bullet"	
VH1	Get Rich	TO Show	TO Show	TO Show	Real Chance of Love		Tool Academy			My Antonio Workout.		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love		TO Show	"Left Eye"	
VS.	WrekCage	Sports Take	Sports	Sports	★★★ "The Big Lebowski" (1998) Jeff Bridges.				Sports Soup	Fanarchy	★★★ "The Big Lebowski" (1998) Jeff Bridges.				Sports Soup	Fanarchy	WEC WrekCage	
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women		Secret Lives of Women	
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ENC	10 Things I	(:20) ★★★ "Dan in Real Life" (2007)			★★ "Phenomenon" (1996, Drama) John Travolta.				(:05) ★ "Billy Madison" (1995)			(:35) ★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton.					(:15) "Dan in Real Life"	
HBO	"The Simpsons Movie"		Teddy: In His Own Words				★★ "Pride and Glory" (2008) Edward Norton.			Making	Entourage	True Blood "Frenzy"		Mayweather	★★★ "Charlie Wilson's War" (2007)			(:45) Hung
MAX	(:15) ★★ "RocknRolla" (2008) Gerard Butler.				(:15) ★★ "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.				★★ "The X-Files: I Want to Believe"			(:45) Lingerie		Sex Games	(12:50) ★ "Say It Isn't So" (2001)			Live Nude
SHOW	Witless Pr	★★ "The Nanny Diaries" (2007) Scarlett Johansson.				"All Together Now" (2008) iTV Premiere.			Weeds (iTV)	Weeds (iTV)	★ "Captivity" (2007) Elisha Cuthbert. iTV.				★★★ "The English Patient" (1996, Drama) Ralph Fiennes. iTV.			
STARZ	(5:05) "Righteous Kill"		(6:50) ★★★ "The Family Man" (2000) Nicolas Cage.				★★★ "Traitor" (2008) Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce.				★★ "Little Nicky" (2000) Adam Sandler.				(:40) ★★ "30 Days of Night" (2007) Josh Hartnett.			Nick Nora
TMC	★★★ "Away From Her" (2007, Drama) Julie Christie.				★★★ "Margot at the Wedding" (2007)				(:35) ★★ "2 Days in Paris" (2007, Comedy) Julie Delpy.			★ "Fail: The Price of Silence" (2000)			(:10) ★ "Miami Hustle" (1996)			Areola 51

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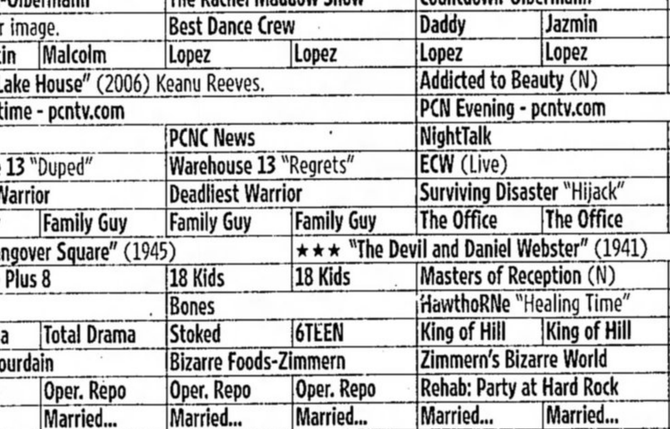

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Saving money at the movies

Sara **NOEL**

Going to see a movie at the theater has become a luxury. Tickets and snacks cost a small fortune.

Even if you eat beforehand, it can be hard to resist the Junior Mints or the buttery popcorn. Two people going can cost $40 easily. But there are some movies that you want to see on the big screen.

Fortunately, you don't have to wait for a movie to be released on DVD to avoid the high prices. You can try independent or drive-in theaters or go to a matinee. How have you saved money when going to the movies?

Here are a few tips to make movie going cheaper that exclude food smuggling.

AAA: If you're a member of AAA, it offers a plethora of discounts, one of which is discounted movie tickets for some areas. Visit www.aaa.com/discounts to find which discounts apply to your area.

COSTCO: It offers discount movie tickets to Regal, AMC and Cinemark. The tickets are sold in groups of five. There is a shipping charge if you buy online at www.costco.com, so check your local store. Online prices are Regal $37.50, Cinemark $37.50 and AMC $39.99.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: The 2010 book became available Aug. 12. Typically, the cost for a book is $30 to $56, depending on your location. Included are discount movie tickets that range from $6 to $8.50 per ticket, depending on participating theaters. They sell two tiers. One ticket level is for newly released movies, and the other requires a 12-day waiting period after a show first appears. These tickets are ordered and shipped, so there is a shipping fee. There's an eight-ticket minimum purchase, too.

ANGIE'S LIST: Thousands of consumers share their ratings and reviews on local contractors and companies in more than 425 different categories. Membership costs an average of $6 per month.

Membership perks include discounts from dozens of retailers and organizations such as Blockbuster Total Access — 50 percent off first month and discounted movie tickets. The cost for tickets is $5.50 to $6.50, usually restricted to two weeks after release and includes most major theaters. Visit www.angieslist.com.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS AND DISCOUNTS: Check your local movie-theater Web sites, or give the theaters a call. Ask whether they have any special promotions. See whether they offer student, senior or military discounts. Many theaters offer specials during the summer, bulk-ticket deals and loyalty rewards clubs, so you can earn concession food or tickets. Sometimes your local newspaper, grocery store or hotel might run a promotion, too.

For example, Marriott offers four free tickets when making reservations until Sept. 7. Call (800) 228-9290, and ask for promotional code LLS when making your reservations, or visit www.marriott.com/landofthelost for details.

GO BIG: Buy the larger-sized popcorn and drinks for the best savings.

Many theaters offer free refills, too. One reader, J. Moffitt, shares: "When buying snacks, buy the big one and share. Our theater lets us get extra cups for free, and we use these to dole out the popcorn.

Everyone gets a cup of popcorn, and when they need more, they just pass the cup back. This is a handy way of sharing the popcorn, as everyone can reach it. You can also get extra cups to share a drink without sharing the germs. Use the large drink as a pitcher, and pour everyone their own drink."

BUYING ONLINE: Check gift-card Web sites such as Cardavenue.com, GiftCardRescue.com, Plasticjungle.com and Swapagift.com, where you can buy, sell or swap gift cards. Some offer free shipping. You can check Craigslist or eBay.com, too.

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or email sara@frugalvillage.com.

HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION Challenge!

Calling all bakers and cupcake decorators!

Register today to compete in the HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION CHALLENGE at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food & Cooking Expo on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge is a cupcake decorating competition, benefiting Operation Santa Claus*. Contestants will have the chance to create their most unique holiday cupcake(s) and compete for a **$1,000 grand prize** courtesy of Relish Magazine!

To enter, visit **contests.TribLIVE.com**, upload a photo of a cupcake that you've decorated and submit your $10.00 registration fee!

Portion of the proceeds benefits Operation Santa Claus.

To enter by mail, see details on the form below.

Don't wait, deadline to register is 5 pm September 25, 2009!

Not a baker? You can still get involved!
Starting September 25, (5:30p.m.) visit **contests.TribLIVE.com** and vote for your favorites! Give 5 lucky contestants the chance to compete in person at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food and Cooking Expo.

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**Operation Santa Claus is a non-profit organization that works in conjunction with the Salvation Army to deliver complete holiday meals to needy families throughout the region.*

Official Rules

1. To enter, visit contests.TribLIVE.com or return your completed entry form, cake photo and $10.00 required registration fee to: Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge, c/o Trib Total Media, 503 Martindale St., Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. 2. Color or black/white 4x6 photos will be accepted. Photos can not be returned, but will be available for pick up following the selection of contestants at the Trib Total Media offices located at the address listed above. 3. All entries must be received by 5:00 PM Friday, September 25, 2009. 4. Only one photo per contestant will accepted. 5. Trib Total Media readers will cast their votes for their favorite cakes by ballots online at contests.TribLIVE.com. 6. Contest will consist of an entry period (August 24 - September 25) and voting period (September 25 - October 16). 7. 1st place prize will include $1,000 cash courtesy of Relish Magazine and other prizes as yet to be determined. 2nd and 3rd place prizes will also be awarded. 8. Contest is open to all bakers – amateur and professional – residing within the Trib Total Media home delivery area. Employees of Trib Total Media and sponsor companies are not eligible to participate. 9. Void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws and regulation apply. 10. Additional rules and regulations may apply. 11. Donations are voluntary. Entry and voting may be done at minimal cost by visiting contests.TribLIVE.com or contacting Trib Total Media Marketing Department at 412.320.7941.

Deadline to enter is Friday, September 25 at 5:00 PM. Enter online at **contests.TribLIVE.com** or complete this form, and return it along with your cake photo and $10.00 required entry fee (make checks payable to Operation Santa Claus) to:
Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge, c/o Trib Total Media,
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CALENDAR WATCH

Wednesday

■ Charleroi Veterans Council meeting, VFW, 6 p.m.

■ Breast Cancer Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Childbirth Preparation classes, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Bentleyville Public Library board of trustees meeting, 7 p.m.

■ S.A.L., Sons of the American Legion, meeting, James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, 8 p.m.

■ Allison Lescanic VFW Post 1190, Monessen, meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, 7 p.m.

■ Donora Library board of directors meeting, 6 p.m.

■ Knights of Columbus Council 954, Monessen, meeting, council rooms, officers, 6:30 p.m., members, 7:30 p.m.

■ Ringgold Rams Gridiron Club meeting, high school room 133, 7 p.m.

■ Angel Food signups, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

TEAM Charleroi committee to meet

The Promotions Committee of TEAM Charleroi will hold its monthly meeting 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the chamber building. The committee is in the process of planning the Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk on Oct. 10. Additionally, the group would like input from Greater Charleroi residents, community organizations and business owners who are interested in planning and/or participating in the Charleroi Christmas celebration.

Clark-Guseman reunion planned

The 49th Clark-Guseman reunion will be held Sunday at the Jefferson Township Recreational Area in Grindstone, located on Stuckslater Road off of Central School Road and Route 201. A covered dish picnic lunch will begin at 1:30 p.m. Attendees are reminded that drinks and place settings will not be provided. For information, call (724) 684-7595.

Bentleyville Library plans fall events

Registration is beginning at the Bentleyville Public Library. Fall sessions begin 10:30 Sept. 28 and continue through Dec. 7. Children 30 months through 5 years will enjoy a craft and stories. To register your child, contact the library at (724) 239-5122.

Hall of Fame seeks photographs

The Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame is seeking Mon Valley high school team sports photographs along with adult league teams for the unveiling of the relocated Sports Hall of Fame exhibition at the new Bentleyville Holiday Inn. The photos can be sent to the Hall of Fame Executive Office at 1106 Stanton St., Monongahela, PA 15063. For information, call (724) 258-3823.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Corning/World Kitchen Retirees

The Corning/World Kitchen Retirees' Association had its Aug. 11 meeting at Riverside Place. President Colette Sphar called the meeting to order with prayer and the flag pledge.

A moment of silence was held for members who have passed away since the last meeting.

Minutes were read by Wilma Demko. The treasurer's report was given by Jeannette Purcell.

Sphar commented on the picnic and said that plans are in the making for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 8. Anyone interested in being on the committee can let her know.

Happy Birthday was sung to Betty Sinchak and Ed Palumbo. Sphar reported on the book "Life Story of WWII C.B.I. Veteran" written by member Stanley Yarulis. The book is an autobiography of Yarulis. The C.B.I. Stands for China, Burma, and India. The book can be found at the libraries in Charleroi, Monessen, and Monongahela.

Alexis Lovas won the membership drawing. Martha Hess and Lois Amati won the half and half. Marge Smida and Gloria Piktal won the activity drawing.

The group's next meeting will be held 2 p.m. Sept. 8. The meeting was adjourned and coffee and rolls were served.

St. Anthony Altar Rosary Christian Mothers

Here are the St. Anthony Altar Rosary Christian Mothers officers for the 2009-2010 term. Pictured, left to right, are Treasurer Cindy Patterson, Vice President Tish Cardis, President Angela Tunon, Financial Treasurer Pam DeRose-Behanna and Secretary Reva Savage.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: A equals J

"WT ST WTJKGLVN CI WDCTG, BSMLHV (DVCTPWLH) GHL LYH GLSTJSVJ ON BYWDY SMM CLYHVG YSEH OHHT AKJRHJ." -

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie." - Former governor George Deukmejian

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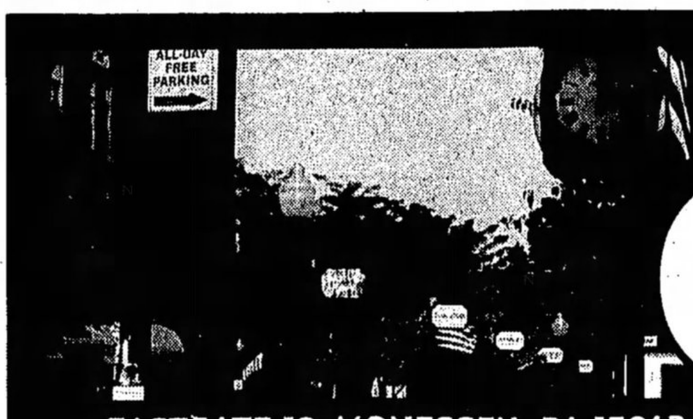

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5 LINES 3 DAYS $18.65 PRE-PAY
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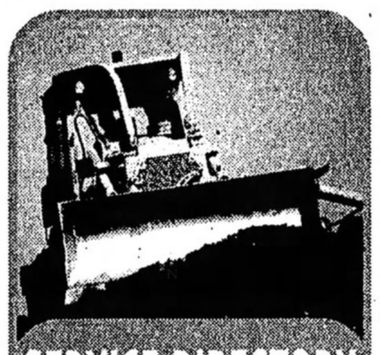

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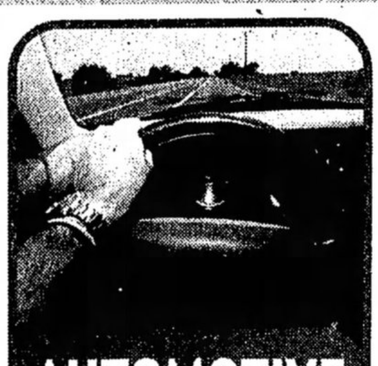

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MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, currently seeking full & part-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton & Elizabeth areas. No experience necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour, with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141.

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While work-at-home and other informational advertising is often legitimate, we advise readers to fully investigate the background of any company before paying a fee. If an offer sounds "too good to be true", it probably is. Proceed with caution if you are asked to send money or in calling 900 numbers. All phone numbers prefixed by "900" are charged to the caller on a per minute or per call basis. The Valley Independent makes every effort to qualify these charges for the reader. Remember, if you have any doubts, investigate!

1025/DRIVERS

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Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation is Now Accepting Applications for:

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1120/SITUATIONS

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Finney, Violet
ESTATE NOTICE

The Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary in the Estate of VIOLET FINNEY, late of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. All persons having claims or demands against said Estate are requested to present the same without delay. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Executrix or her attorney.

Executrix:
Janet S. Merz
11 Canton Meadow
Fairport, NY 14450

Attorney:
SHIRE LAW FIRM
1295 Grand Boulevard
Suite 103, Grand Plaza
Monessen, PA 15062
8/18,25;9/1

Legros, John B.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of JOHN B. LEGROS of Stockdale, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters testamentary for the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted therein to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Yvonne Waller,
Executrix
PO Box 146
Fayette City, PA 15438

Brian G. Pirilla, Esq.
PO Box 718
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
8/25;9/1,8

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Smith, Vaughn E.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Vaughn E. Smith, Deceased.
Late of Jeannette City, Westmoreland County, PA
LETTERS of Administration on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Lori Smith, Administratrix, 13640 Ridge Road, Irwin, PA 15642,
Or to her Atty:
John R. Zonarich
Skarlatos & Zonarich LLP
17 S. 2nd St., 6th Fl.
Harrisburg, PA
17101-2039
9/1,8,15

Wiles, George
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of George B. Wiles, Jr., a/k/a George B. Wiles, deceased. Late of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

David R. Metz
1335 Wickerham Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063
Executor

Keith A. Bassi,
Esquire
Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, P.C.
P.O. Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
9/1,8,15

2020/BID NOTICES

CARROLL TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
SOLICITATION FOR BIDS
REPLACEMENT OEM SEWAGE PUMPS AND MOTORS - EQUIPMENT ONLY

PROJECT:

VICTORY HILL PUMP & VALLEY INN PUMP STATIONS (2) ALLIS CHALMERS/ITT OEM-NSW - MODEL 400 - 6X4X14CV - COUNTER CLOCKWISE - POSITION TBD MECHANICAL SEALS CLOSE COUPLED PUMP AND 40 HP MODEL 284 VPZ MOTOR, 1170 RPM OR APPROVED EQUAL

Sealed Bids for the Project shall be received at the Carroll Township Authority office at 130 Baird St., Carroll Township, PA until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, Thursday, September 17, 2009 and will then be publicly opened and read aloud at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time or shortly thereafter on the same day and place.

Bids shall include the complete cost of the replacement pumps & motors and freight to the Carroll Township Authority Rozik Maintenance facility. A copy of the exact specifications for the replacement OEM equipment or approved equal is available from the Carroll Township Authority at 724-489-4493. These replacement pumps are required to be able to be installed within the confines of the existing unique location at the Victory Hill Pump Station and Valley Inn Pump Stations.

The Carroll Township Authority reserves the right, at its option, to waive any informalities, defects, errors, or omissions in any or all bids and to reject any or all bids.

Carroll Township Authority
Richard Kuppelweiser
Chairman
9/1,4

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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washington County Farmland Preservation Board will be accepting applications for the Farmland Preservation Program from Sept. 1, 2009 until Sept. 30, 2009. An Informational Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103, Courthouse Square Office Building in Washington. For information or application materials, contact Caroline Sinchar at 724-228-6811.

8/28,31;9/1

4010/CEMETERY LOTS

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Semaria section, near main road, across from old school. $1045 for both. 724-929-4578

4070/LOST & FOUND

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4130/EVENT TICKETS

STEELER TICKETS Titans Sept. 10th, Raiders Dec. 6th, Packers Dec. 20th, Ravens Dec. 27th, $80 each. 724-684-4297.

5000/APPAREL & JEWELRY

2 PENGUINS JERSEYS Crosby & Malkin, with tight strap. $50 each. 724-379-9547.

BOYS CLOTHES size 7-8, bag full, some name brands, $25.00. 724-929-2730.

FALL SHORTS- girls name brand, sizes 10, 12. $2 each. 724-379-6663, 724-516-1845.

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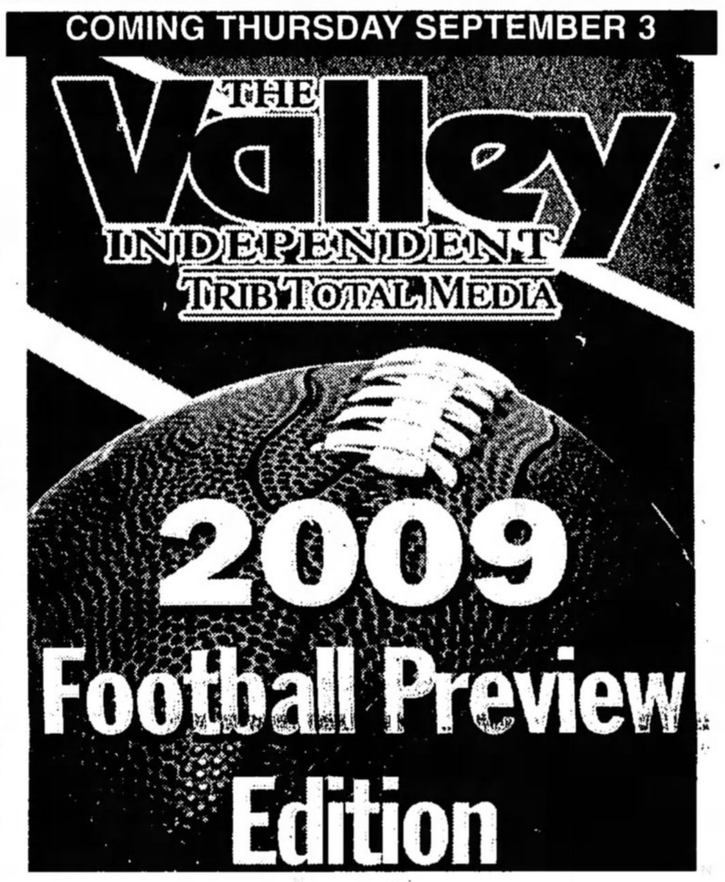

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3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CARROLL TWP. 3 bedroom, 1 acre, garage, owner will give over $6,000 towards buyer costs, home warranty. Call Mary at Coldwell Banker TCR 724-454-9059. $102,000.

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DONORA Buy one get one free! Nice 2 bedroom house with a shared yard to the second house! Live in one and pay the mortgage with rent money! $67,900.

Century 21
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DONORA- 105 Second St 2 bedrooms. Buy, rent, rent to own. Make offer. Realtor owned. Call 724-483-3908.

DONORA 2 bedroom brick ranch. Detached garage. Just move in! Reduced to $47,900.

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3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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HEMPFIELD TWP. 3 bedroom vinyl split/entry Colonial on a cul-de-sac street. Many updates inc. newer full bath, finished basement with gas fireplace & recessed lighting, large back yard, full deck on back of home, shed & concrete driveway. Just listed for $125,000!

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3080/MOBILE HOME/SPACES

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3555/APTS-RENT/WASHINGTON

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Clean & Secure
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3605/HSE-RENT/FAYETTE

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CHARLEROI 317 Shady Ave. 5 rooms, 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, dining room, bath, detached garage. $425+ utilities. Call 724-684-3185.

DONORA- 2 bedroom duplex, basement, washer/dryer, new furnace. Section 8 ok. No pets. 724-258-9683.

DONORA- clean 3 bedroom. $550 per month. Section 8 ok. Security deposit required. Call 412-601-2318.

DONORA rent to own very nice 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Call 724-678-0979.

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3620/HSE-RENT/WASHINGTON

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N.CHARLEROI 2 bedroom ½ duplex, nice yard. $395 + security. Call 724-267-4405.

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MONESSEN- Maple Ave. 1 bedroom house. $550 includes garbage, water & sewage. Call 412-583-6829

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VIRGO
August 23 through September 22

Those same people who were lucky for you previously might be the right ones doing all the right things in the year ahead. It behooves you to stay on the best of terms with everyone you know.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Methods or procedures that haven't proven to be effective might finally begin to take hold and produce more than you thought. It'll be a long-awaited turning point.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Spending time with loved ones, and doing for them what they can't do for themselves, will provide more joy and happiness than anything else. Enjoy the day.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Your consistency and tenacity will be responsible for your success with regard to a difficult assignment. Nothing will make you feel better than this achievement.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- You're extremely lucky, so if someone pertinent to your immediate plans has escaped your gaze, now is the time to connect. You'll establish good contact.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Big financial news might break with regard to a long-awaited labor of love. You may even get your first form of reward immediately.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Today could mark the beginning of an important growth cycle in your life, making you feel more secure and happy about who you are and what you're doing.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- It might not require any input on your part to get what you secretly want because, even without asking, others will be working on your behalf.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- There's a good chance you could be introduced to someone to whom you've been attracted but never met. To your amazement, this person will warmly receive you, and things could go further.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- If Lady Luck makes it known that she is your ally -- and she probably will -- elevate your sights and aim for more ambitious objectives. Make the most of her benevolence.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Someone will provide a piece of information; and you will know what to do with it more than this person. It could be the missing piece of the puzzle.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- A wonderful opportunity for gain is likely to come from a situation where another has already done all the spadework -- but you hold the missing piece that can make it work.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- A partnership situation will take on greater significance. You will collectively do something that could prove to be quite enormous for both partners.

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